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Far left: USA's Misty May, right, and Kerri Walsh celebrate winning the gold medal in the beach volleyball finals against Brazil at the Olympics in Athens on Tuesday. Left: USA's Elaine Youngs, left, and teammate Holly McPeak celebrate after winning the bronze medal over Australia.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Peterson trial:** Defense attorneys prodded Scott Peterson's one-time mistress about wiretapped calls between her and the former fertilizer salesman accused of murder, implying she did not fully cooperate with police.

At the trial in Redwood City, Calif., defense attorney Mark Geragos also attempted to portray Amber Frey as a calculated seductress and liar who was more obsessed with Peterson than he was with her.

According to police reports, authorities were suspicious that Frey may not have been taping all of her calls with Peterson or may have neglected to turn over some tapes, Geragos noted during the cross-examination Monday.

**Michael Jackson case:** After testimony from a dozen key witnesses in the Michael Jackson child molestation case, the judge issued tentative rulings on evidence seized in a search of Jackson's Neverland estate.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said Monday in Santa Maria, Calif., that he was inclined to admit 39 pieces of evidence and is "concerned" about at least a dozen other items that he may order suppressed.

**Abortion clinic bombings:** A federal judge in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday gave attorneys for alleged serial bomber Eric Rudolph more time to draft a plan for fighting charges in a fatal attack on an abortion clinic.

U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith gave Rudolph's legal team until Sept. 15 to reveal their defense against charges that Rudolph planted a bomb outside a Birmingham women's clinic on Jan. 29, 1998, killing a police officer and critically injuring a nurse.

**Florida slayings:** A grand jury has indicted four men for the grisly slayings of six people in a Florida home, and the state prosecutor planned to seek the death penalty.

The alleged ringleader, Troy Victorino, 27, and Robert Cannon, Michael Salas and Jerome Hunter, all 18, were charged with first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, abuse of a dead body with a weapon and armed burglary. State Attorney John Tanner said he will seek the death penalty for all the defendants.

Police said the killings were the culmination of an argument between Victorino and one of the victims, Erin Belanger, 22, over an X-Box video game system and clothes owned by Victorino.

**Porn HIV scare:** A California state assemblyman has asked the adult entertainment industry of West Hollywood to adopt safe-sex measures or face the possibility of a law that would compel performers to use condoms.

Assemblyman Paul Koretz, chairman of the Labor and Employment Committee, said adult film stars should receive workplace health and safety protections like other Californians.

Koretz's comments follow a recent HIV scare that prompted producers to stop film-



**Indonesia Marriott bombing:** Two prosecution lawyers talk with Muslim militant Jhoni Hendrawan, alias Idris, center, before the start of his trial Tuesday in Jakarta, Indonesia. An Indonesian court sentenced Hendrawan to 10 years in jail for helping plan last year's J.W. Marriott Hotel bombing, but acquitted him of involvement in the 2002 Bali attacks. The August 2003 attack on the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta killed 12 people, while the bombing of nightclubs on the island of Bali killed 202. At least 10 people have been convicted in the Marriott attack.

ing for a few weeks. Two actors tested positive for the virus.

## World

**Fischer deportation:** Japan's Justice Ministry rejected former chess champion Bobby Fischer's demand for protection as a political refugee on Tuesday and issued an order to deport him.

Fischer, detained since July 13 for attempting to travel with an invalid U.S. passport, quickly appealed the decision, and his supporters said he would not be deported immediately.

The former chess great is wanted in the United States for violating international sanctions against Yugoslavia in 1992.

**Uzbekistan bombings:** Uzbekistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday sentenced 15 al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants to as long as 18 years in prison for a series of bombings that killed at least 47 people earlier this year.

The trial, which opened July 26, was the first against those accused in a series of March and April explosions and assaults on police that killed 33 militants, 10 police and four bystanders.

Other trials are expected with dozens more suspects in custody.

**'Scream' theft:** As police in Oslo continued their search Tuesday for two stolen Edvard Munch masterpieces, a Norwegian magazine offered a reward for the works' return while a newspaper's front page demanded: "Bandits. Return 'The Scream' and 'Madonna.'"

The city-owned Munch Museum in Oslo reopened at noon Tuesday, two days after three masked robbers, at least one with a gun, snatched the national treasures as stunned visitors watched, and then fled in a stolen car.

Inspector Iver Stensrud of the Oslo police said the investigation was continuing at full force, but that he there were no new developments and no suspects.

## Business

**Italian airline woes:** State carrier Alitalia could be faced with collapse within 20 days without the approval of a restructuring plan that would allow the airline to tap into a loan of \$488 million, the company's chairman was quoted as saying in Italian news reports Tuesday.

The reports sent Alitalia shares tumbling 6.9 percent on the Milan market on Tuesday.

**Union negotiations:** US Airways' pilots union announced that negotiations on pay and benefit cuts broke down Monday, prompting the carrier's executives to ask that their latest proposal be taken directly to the union's leadership for a vote.

The collapse in talks underscores the friction between management and workers as the company seeks to secure \$800 million in cuts by the end of September to stave off its second bankruptcy filing in two years. But bringing the proposal to the union's executive council is likely to accelerate the contract process, said Standard & Poor's analyst Philip Bagley.

Stories and photo from wire services

## Correction

In a story in Tuesday's editions about a Polish delegation's visit to Aviano Air Base, Italy, the name of Col. Wladyslaw Lesniowski was misspelled.

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# Abuse report lays blame on DOD leadership

By ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. soldiers running the Abu Ghraib prison are mainly to blame for the inmate abuses there, but fault also lies with the Pentagon's most senior civilian and military officials, according to a report released Tuesday by an independent panel of civilian defense experts.

Senior leaders did not establish clear guidelines on permissible techniques for interrogating various categories of prisoners held at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere in Iraq, the report said.

High-level commanders failed to shift resources to an under-

staffed and ill-trained prison detention unit once it became apparent that the system was out of control, the report said.

The findings were presented at a Pentagon news conference by James Schlesinger, the former secretary of defense who headed a four-person commission created last May by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"There was chaos at Abu Ghraib," Schlesinger said, and it was due in part to the fact that the prison was a regular target of shelling by an Iraqi insurgency not adequately anticipated by U.S. leaders.

The report said the direct responsibility lay with soldiers and commanders in the field rather than in Washington.

"There was direct responsibility for those activities on the part of the commanders on the scene up to the brigade level, because they did not adequately supervise what was going on at Abu Ghraib," Schlesinger said. "There was indirect responsibility at higher levels, in that the weaknesses at Abu Ghraib were well-known and that corrective action could have been taken and should have been taken."

He said Rumsfeld's office could be faulted for inadequate supervision, but he strongly objected to the suggestion that Rumsfeld should step down from his post.

"His resignation would be a boon to all of America's enemies," Schlesinger said.

Asked later about the culpability of senior military commanders, Schlesinger said "they were not focused on the detention operations," but even so they should not be forced to resign or be punished. He referred specifically to Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who was the top U.S. commander in Iraq during the period in question.

The mistreatment of prisoners, described by the commission as "acts of brutality and purposeless sadism," would have been avoided with proper training, leadership and oversight, it said.

The commission was particularly critical of Sanchez and other commanders.

"We believe Lt. Gen. Sanchez should have taken stronger action in November when he realized the extent of the leadership problems at Abu Ghraib," the report said. It concluded that he "failed to ensure proper staff oversight" of detention and interrogation operations.

The commission made no recommendations about disciplinary action against any civilian or military officials.

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## Iraqi troops working to seal Najaf shrine

Police claim al-Sadr has fled the city

By ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — A Shiite insurgency appeared to be weakening Tuesday night as Iraqi forces moved within 200 yards of the revered Imam Ali Shrine, and Iraq's defense minister once again demanded fighters loyal to a radical cleric surrender or face a violent raid.

The militant force, which once waged fierce battles with U.S. troops throughout the Old City and Najaf's vast cemetery, appeared to have considerably diminished in number after days of U.S. airstrikes and relentless pounding.

Hundreds of insurgents have been spotted leaving the city in recent days, witnesses said. Those that remained appeared to have pulled back to the area around the shrine, where the fighting Tuesday was concentrated, U.S. troops said.

Police say radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has not been seen in public for days, has

fled the city. His aides vigorously denied that, saying he is in a secret hideout here.

Regardless, the fiery, charismatic cleric's absence from the battlefield may have withered his followers' moral.

U.S. warplanes bombed the Old City late Tuesday for the third night in a row, witnesses reported. Huge blasts rang throughout the city for about 10 minutes followed by gunbattles and smaller explosions.

Earlier in the day, fierce fighting broke out near the shrine compound, with rockets launched from U.S. helicopters kicking up clouds of smoke and debris. Bradley fighting vehicles patrolling the nearly deserted, bullet-scarred streets attacked militants, who responded with mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades.

"We are under constant enemy small-arms, mortar, and RPG attack," said U.S. Lt. Chris Kent, whose unit was about 300 yards from the compound. "U.S. forces are consolidating positions to allow for future operations. Morale is very high."

## Sunset in Najaf



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

First Cavalry Division soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, work on their tanks Sunday just before sunset at Camp David in Najaf, Iraq. First Cav soldiers are in positions throughout the city.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, 958 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 716 died as a result of hostile action and 242 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 820 U.S. servicemembers have died — 607 as a result of hostile action and 213 of nonhostile causes, according to the Military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ A soldier was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in west Mosul, Iraq.

■ A Marine was killed in a vehicle accident Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq.

■ In three separate incidents, one Marine was killed and three Marines died of wounds received Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Killed Friday near Samarra, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near their vehicle; assigned to the Army National Guard's 216th Engineer Battalion, Hamilton, Ohio:

■ Army 1st Lt. Charles L. Wilkins III, 33, Columbus, Ohio.

■ Army Pfc. Ryan A. Martin, 22, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

sion, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Nicanor Alvarez, 22, San Bernardino, Calif.

■ Marine Sgt. Jason Cook, 25, Okanagan, Wash.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, 19, Perryton, Texas.

■ Marine Pfc. Nachez Washalanta, 21, Bryan, Okla.

Also killed:

■ Army Pfc. Kevin A. Cumming, 22, White Plains, N.Y., killed Saturday in Baghdad in a grenade attack; assigned to 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Marine Cpl. Christopher Belchik, 30, Altamonte, Ill., killed Sunday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

## Four honored for valor

Four 1st Infantry Division soldiers from Troop F, 4th Cavalry, were recently awarded Army Commendation Medals with valor for heroism in combat, according to a military news release.

Pfc. John M. White, of Anchorage, Alaska, was awarded the ARCOM with valor for aiding a wounded soldier under fire after the soldier's Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Col. Dana J. Pittard, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, awarded the medals during a brief ceremony Aug. 6.

From staff reports

# Judge refuses to order Rumsfeld to talk

## Also rules intelligence officers may have to testify in Abu Ghraib prison abuse case, unless charged

BY DAVID RISING

The Associated Press

MANNHEIM, Germany — A U.S. military judge hearing the Abu Ghraib prison abuse case refused Tuesday to order Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to talk to lawyers about prisoner interrogation policy, but suggested he may force key military intelligence officers to testify unless the government charges them.

The ruling on the officers opened the door to broadening the scope of the scandal beyond the 372nd Military Police Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit to which all soldiers charged so far were assigned.

Prosecutor Maj. Michael Holly told the court two low-ranking soldiers from a military intelligence unit who "we believe are co-conspirators" would probably be charged soon.

His military police are facing charges of mistreating prisoners at the Baghdad jail. A seventh, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits, pleaded guilty May 19 and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

On Tuesday, a lawyer for Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick said his client would also plead guilty to some charges. Frederick had decided to do the "honest and

dignified thing" and hoped others in the group would step forward, lawyer Gary Myers said outside the courtroom.

"He's taking responsibility for certain acts," Myers said, adding that an agreement had been reached with prosecutors to drop other charges against him at a hearing on Oct. 20 in Baghdad. He refused to elaborate, saying, "There's always the possibility something will change."

Frederick is charged with mistreating detainees, conspiracy to mistreat detainees, dereliction of duty and committing an innocent act.

Attorneys for Spc. Javal Davis demanded that Rumsfeld and his deputy Stephen Cambone submit to an interview, claiming Rumsfeld had signed a 2002 memo authorizing the use of dogs, nudity, physical contact and isolation against prisoners at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Judge Col. James Pohl rejected a request, but said the motion may be brought back if the defense can fill some of the gaps between the accusations against Davis and Rumsfeld's alleged policy.

"There's got to be some links in that chain," Pohl said. "I'm not saying there is not a link. I'm say-

ing at this point you haven't shown me sufficient evidence."

Davis and the five other military police facing charges of abusing prisoners at the Baghdad prison insist they were following orders from military intelligence officers and civilian contractors.

Davis' civilian attorney, Paul Bergin, asked the court to grant immunity from prosecution to Col. Thomas Pappas, the military intelligence commander at Abu Ghraib, and several other officers who may have known of the abuse but have refused to talk to investigators citing their right to avoid self-incrimination.

The testimony would broaden the case beyond the reservists and raise the possibility that intelligence officers and others within the military encouraged the abuse to gain information about Iraqi insurgents battling U.S. troops.

But prosecutors argued they might charge the officers after the military completes a report on the role of military intelligence facilities that is expected to be presented to U.S. Congress in early next month, which could be made difficult if they were given immunity.

Pohl gave the prosecution until Sept. 17 to convince him that they



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick and his wife, Martha, talk to the media Tuesday in front of the U.S. military courts at Taylor Barracks in Mannheim, Germany, where Frederick and another soldier charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad had their pretrial hearings.

should not be compelled to testify. He made it clear, however, that if the government does not intend to file major charges against the officers by then, he would probably grant them immunity to testify.

"This would appear to be critical information to the defendants that this was condoned by the higher-ups," Pohl told the prosecutors. "You know where this is going — it's either pay me now or pay me later."

The judge said he would also have Reserve Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the military police commander at Abu Ghraib at the time of the alleged abuse, compelled to testify at the upcoming courts martial.

In the second day of pretrial hearings of four defendants at a U.S. military barracks in Germany, Davis admitted that he initially lied to a military investigator by saying he did not take part in maltreatment.

## Official says U.S. is watching Afghan trial of alleged vigilantes

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — There is no evidence to support claims by three Americans that they were severely beaten in jail since their arrest on charges they kidnapped Afghans as part of a freelance counterterrorism operation, a U.S. official said Tuesday.

"They are being treated well," said the official, who spoke on condition he not be further identified.

U.S. consular officials have met with the defendants, Jonathan "Jack" Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett, and the American official said there was no evidence the men were beaten.

The three face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges of torture and kidnapping. They were arrested July 5 when authorities freed about a dozen Afghan men being held at a private jail. The men were allegedly tortured using boiling water, and much of the abuse was apparently videotaped.

Idema, a former U.S. soldier with a checked past that includes a stay in federal prison for fraud, denies he tortured anyone and claims he was working with the approval of the Pentagon and senior Afghan authorities. Videos of the alleged torture had not been played in court.

The American official said there is nothing to Idema's claim that he was working for the government.



Jonathan Idema, 48, charged with running his own private prison and abusing Afghan prisoners in Kabul, strains to hear while standing trial on Monday.

"I can find no evidence whatsoever that Jack worked for us or was doing anything with the U.S. government," he said.

The American official said the embassy wants to make sure the trial is conducted fairly, but also recognizes the right of Afghanistan to pursue a case.

"Our embassy is watching closely and we should let the trial proceed and not try to influence it," he said. "The charges leveled are very serious charges about serious crimes," he said.

The U.S. military has described Idema as a freelancer with no connections to it whatsoever. However, it has acknowledged receiving a prisoner from his crew and holding the man for about two months. The suspect subsequently been released.

## Bin Laden driver charged with conspiracy at Gitmo

BY PAISLEY DODDS

The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Osama bin Laden's chauffeur was formally charged Tuesday before the first U.S. military commissions since World War II, appearing at a pretrial hearing as his defense lawyer challenged the legality of the hearings.

Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a 34-year-old Yemeni, said he earned a pittance for his family as bin Laden's driver prior to the Sept. 11 attack, but he has denied involvement in terrorism.

U.S. officials allege he served as the al-Qaida leader's bodyguard and delivered weapons to his operatives. Hamdan was charged with conspiracy as an al-Qaida member to commit war crimes, including attacking civilians and civilian targets, murder, destroying property and terrorism.

The hearing marked the first such tribunal proceedings since World War II. The five-member commission allows for secret evidence and no federal appeals.

"This process goes against everything that we fought for in the history of the United States," Hamdan's attorney, Lt. Cmdr. Charles Swift, said earlier in the week.

Hamdan could choose not to enter a plea. Swift has filed a lawsuit in U.S. civilian courts that is to be heard in Washington, D.C., alleging the commissions violate U.S. and international law.

Mr. Hamdan has languished in solitary confinement without good cause for more

than eight months awaiting a hearing," Swift said in his statement. Hamdan was among six prisoners designated for commissions being held in isolation cells.

Swift contends Hamdan was a pilgrim who took a job at bin Laden's farm on his way to Tajikistan in 1996 or 1997, that he had no knowledge of bin Laden's activities and he never took up arms against the United States.

According to court documents, Hamdan complained he was "going crazy" in solitary confinement. "I have not been permitted to see the sun or hear other people outside or talk with other people. I am alone except for a guard," Hamdan said in February in an affidavit. "One month is like a year here, and I have considered pleading guilty in order to get out of here," Hamdan said after two months in solitary.

Before his transfer to Guantanamo, Hamdan was held for six months in U.S. custody in Afghanistan. There, he said he was beaten, forced to lie still for days, dressed in overalls in freezing temperatures and shown a gun while being threatened with death and torture.

The Pentagon, in a charge sheet, alleged Hamdan, who is also known as Saif al-Jadawi, was bin Laden's driver and bodyguard between February 1996 and Nov. 24, 2001.

The Pentagon also alleged he transported weapons to al-Qaida operatives, trained at an al-Qaida camp and drove in convoys that carried bin Laden. It does not say he took part in any specific acts of violence or participated in planning any attacks.



# Errors rampant in deployed Reserve pay

## GAO finds 95 percent of Army reservists studied had experienced payroll problems

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Army Reserve pay procedures for activated soldiers are so convoluted that mistakes occurred in 95 percent of the cases examined by congressional auditors, the Government Accountability Office said Monday.

Soldiers sent to Iraq and Afghanistan have had to spend a year or more straightening out problems affecting their pay, allowances and tax benefits, the GAO said.

Most errors involved overpayments, but those proved to be problematic for soldiers who didn't acknowledge the extra pay or didn't set aside enough money to pay it back. In one example, the GAO recommended a criminal investigation for a soldier

who didn't report \$36,000 in overpayments.

The GAO found the payment system was so "error-prone, cumbersome and complex that neither [the Defense Department] nor, more importantly, Army Reserve soldiers themselves could be reasonably assured of timely and accurate payments."

It warned the payroll problems could hurt morale and the Army's efforts to retain reservists.

In its response, the Pentagon agreed with 15 GAO recommendations for improving payroll procedures and said it is already taking steps to correct the problems.

The GAO report comes as the National Guard and Reserve take on an increasingly

important role in Iraq, making up about 40 percent of the total force. Active-duty forces have been stretched thin as fighting with insurgents continues.

The GAO previously found similar problems affecting the Army National Guard. In November, it reported payroll problems affecting 450 of 481 mobilized soldiers whose records it examined.

In the Army Reserve study, it examined the payroll records of 348 soldiers who were mobilized, deployed and demobilized from August 2002 to January 2004. The soldiers were in seven Army Reserve units providing combat support in Iraq or Afghanistan and one providing homeland defense services.

It found 332 of the soldiers had at least one problem. Overall, the problems

amounted to \$375,000 in pay and allowances, including \$247,000 in overpayments to 256 soldiers.

The problems often lingered unresolved, sometimes lasting more than a year.

"A number of soldiers and their families told us they spent considerable time and effort on these pay issues, sometimes while soldiers were deployed in hostile and difficult environments overseas," the GAO said.

"Soldiers were sometimes required to spend considerable time and were frustrated in their efforts to determine the exact sums owed or establish a repayment plan." Activated Army reservists may receive extra pay for such factors as hazardous duty, foreign language proficiency or hardship assignments. They are also eligible for allowances, such as for housing and family separation.



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Pfc. Terrence Martin, of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, searches for an enemy sniper. Martin spent part of Monday evening searching for the elusive sniper, who fired small arms and a rocket-propelled grenade at him, but Martin never got the enemy in his cross hairs.

# As bullets fly, U.S. sniper in hot pursuit of insurgent

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq — It's a deadly game of cat and mouse, where the loser takes a bullet.

Two snipers: One American and one unknown foe spent part of Monday evening hunting each other near an Iraqi police station in Najaf.

Only in this hunt, the 1st Cavalry Division soldier doesn't know where his adversary is, and the enemy knows exactly where the Americans are.

But, the enemy sniper isn't accurate enough to hit any of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment soldiers, who have 120 mm mortars set up in his hunting ground.

Bullets occasionally whizzed past Pfc. Terrence Martin of Headquarters Company, as he and another soldier, Spc. Adam Kohler, scanned a cluster of buildings a few hundred meters from the police station.

"Basically we're trying to find out where he's at," said Martin, 21, of Mesquite, Texas. "They brought us in to find this guy ... a couple of days ago."

The enemy sniper has fired scores of rounds at American soldiers, and even a few rocket-propelled grenades. The soldiers man mortars and must re-

main in their immediate location to lob rounds when called upon.

"Last night, he was shooting at us," said Kohler, a mortarman with the 2-7 Cav. "That's dangerous, especially when we have 120 mm explosives."

"Well, he's missed me 70 times so far, hopefully he'll continue to miss me," said Spc. Leonid Yuzkov, who mans a 50-caliber machine gun with the mortar unit.

Yuzkov and a handful of other soldiers stood in a secure building courtyard and watched Martin stalk the sniper from the large lot filled with military and civilian vehicles. They are more than morbid spectators.

"Plain and simple, if he gets hit, someone has to go out to get him medical attention," said Pvt. Gary Clark, also with Headquarters Company.

After about 20 minutes, Martin returned unscathed, having neither spotted the sniper nor fired any rounds at the elusive enemy.

A few minutes later, the crews headed out to their mortars and Martin returned to the lot to continue the hunt.

Suddenly, an RPG sailed through the lot, the sniper's reminder to Martin that he's still out there too, hunting.

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# 1st ID soldier convicted of AWOL in Würzburg

## Soldier cited string of problems at home

BY STEVE LEWIER  
Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — Plagued with family problems back in the United States, Pfc. Christopher Williams said he couldn't get his Iraq-deployed unit to give him emergency leave. So he took off on his own, three different times.

For that, Williams, 20, of the 1st Infantry Division's 101st Military Intelligence Battalion will lose his Army career. In a court-martial Tuesday, the military judge, Col. Stephanie Browne, found him guilty of three counts of absent without leave and one count of disobeying an order.

"His actions sorely taxed an already undermanned unit," said Capt. Don Noble, the military prosecutor. "He could have helped his family much better if he'd stayed on task and followed the 1st ID motto, 'Duty First.'"

According to testimony from fellow soldiers, Williams had been a solid soldier until late last year, when he suffered a run of family tragedy.

Williams told the court three friends were murdered in a drive-by shooting. His older brother's entire family was hit by a truck. His wife, who remained in the States with the couple's son, had cancer, was suicidal, and was pregnant with a child fathered by Williams' cousin.

Then in early February, a few days before the 101st MI deployed to Iraq, Williams learned his younger brother was in a coma after an epileptic seizure. He said his commander denied a request for emergency leave.

Within days he was sent back to Germany for a psychiatric evaluation. He said he sank deeper into depression when the unit refused to let him go home.

"I felt like they weren't doing anything for me, so I just left," Williams told the court. He went AWOL three times for a total of 100 days, staying with a friend off-base because he lacked a passport to go to the States. He was jailed July 7.

"He feels so confused and so alone," said his attorney, Capt. Debra Quanebeck. "He doesn't know what to do."

But Capt. Tanya Burke, the unit's rear detachment commander, said Williams told her about nothing except his marital problems and his brother's epilepsy. She said he never formally requested leave and didn't attend required counseling sessions.

Browne sentenced Williams to serve eight months in prison and forfeit all pay, reduced him to the lowest enlisted rank and gave him a bad-conduct discharge. An agreement with prosecutors cut the jail time to six months.

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# Roadside bombs destroyed near Samarra

North Dakota National Guard soldiers from the 141st Engineer Battalion discovered two homemade bombs during road-clearing operations Saturday in the dangerous area near Samarra, Iraq, according to the Task Force 141 press daily briefing report.

The bombs were successfully destroyed by the explosive ordnance disposal, the report said.

Samarra, 50 miles north of Baghdad, has been a center of resistance to the occupation by U.S. and other coalition forces. It is patrolled by soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-26, made up largely of soldiers from 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment at Schweinfurt, Germany.

From staff reports

# Bell: USAREUR, V Corps to be one command

## General expects U.S. Army Europe numbers to be cut by two-thirds

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The top two Army commands in Europe will be merged into a single rapidly deployable headquarters as part of an overhaul of U.S. forces overseas.

V Corps, which led the assault into Iraq, and U.S. Army Europe, its parent command, will morph into one unit combining the functions of both headquarters, USAREUR commander Gen. B.B. Bell wrote in a message to troops and families throughout Europe on Saturday.

The announcement comes on the heels of President Bush's decision to withdraw up to 70,000 troops from Europe and South Korea.

Currently, USAREUR has 62,000 troops spread across 240 in-

stallations. Most of those bases are clustered in 14 communities, with the vast majority in Germany.

"We expect to reduce those numbers by two-thirds over the next 10 years," Bell wrote. "Our remaining communities will have access to advanced training facilities, high capacity power-projection infrastructure, modernized well-being infrastructure and services, and state-of-the-art communications."

The 1st Armored and 1st Infantry divisions, both heavy tank and

mechanized infantry units in Germany, will move to bases in the United States as part of the restructuring. Officials hope to move one of the Army's new Stryker Brigades to the Grafenwöhr training hub in eastern Germany, Bell wrote.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, will get a third battalion of paratroops as well as additional support units, Bell wrote.

Units remaining in Europe will be joined by rotational brigades from the States, which primarily will deploy to new "forward operating sites in the territories of our new NATO partners to the east," Bell wrote.

Romania, Bulgaria and Poland have been singled out by defense officials as possible hosts.

Overseeing it all will be the new merged command, named U.S.

Army Europe & Task Force 5.

With USAREUR a four-star command and V Corps a three-star billet, it's unclear whether the new command will be led by a three- or four-star general.

USAREUR and V Corps' separate brigades — mostly logistics and support units — will be merged and streamlined into what officials are calling Units of Action, under a new Armywide reorganization of combat formations.

"These UAs will provide the correct mix of rapidly deployable, early entry enablers for joint operations," wrote Bell.

Army forces in Europe will include UAs for aviation, engineering, communications, military police, intelligence, artillery, medical and others.

"We will also establish one or two additional small, light and mobile [Joint Task Force]-capable

headquarters ready for contingencies around the globe," he wrote.

Meanwhile, Bell stated, many units may soon be moving out of Europe or disbanding entirely. "Some units may inactive or return to [the continental United States] in the relative near-term," wrote Bell. But, he added, "There will be no surprises. If your unit is affected you and you and your family will have time to properly prepare."

Bell also promised that no unit would be reactivated directly from combat zones in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Every deployed unit "will redeploy and reintegrate at a European home base first," he pledged. "No family will be left to move themselves."

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U.S. Air Force C-130s sit on the tarmac at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Ramstein's runway will be completely closed for a week and partially closed for another week in September while emergency repairs are done. Planes, passengers and wounded troops will be rerouted to Mildenhall, England, and to Frankfurt, Spangdahlem and Zweibrücken in Germany.

# Ramstein runway to close for repairs next month

BY MARNI MCENTREE

Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A major portion of military air traffic in the European theater will be rerouted for 10 days in September when the Ramstein Air Base runway closes for repairs.

The runway will shut down from Sept. 13-17, then partially reopen Sept. 18-22, while contractors repair deteriorated concrete and asphalt, Lt. Col. Cliff Puckett, commander of the 435th Operations Support Squadron, said Monday. The runway is to reopen completely on Sept. 23, though it may take a few days for all air traffic to return.

The runway has deteriorated due to heavy use during Operations Enduring Freedom and the normal freeze-thaw cycle of the changing seasons, he said.

Airfield managers had hoped that a new runway under construction would be completed in time to allow major repairs on the old landing strip. But work on the new runway, being readied for the transfer of all military air traffic from Rhein-Main Air Base to Ramstein by December 2005, is three months behind schedule, Puckett said.

"We haven't had the luxury of saying we're just going to close a 9,200-foot-national asset that we really need," Puckett said.

But, as the OEF and OIF missions have "matured" into a more predictable schedule, managers were able to reorganize the average of 90 takeoffs and landings a day at Ramstein to work around the construction. The repairs will cost \$900,000.

"We need a viable runway at least until April 2005," when the new runway is expected to be finished, Puckett said. Roughly 3,000 duty and space-available passengers will be affected by the detours, said Capt. Kieran Keely of Ramstein's aerial port operations office.

Large cargo lifters such as C-5s and contracted 747s will be unable to use Ramstein the entire 10 days, Puckett said. But all other, more versatile and smaller planes will be able to return to Ramstein Sept. 18, when 7,000 feet of the 9,200-foot runway reopen.

The closure means that cargo and passenger traffic, including movement of wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, and training flights, will head to at least six alternate airfields in Germany, England, Kyrgyzstan and Iceland, Puckett said.

If needed, passengers and wounded either will be bused from alternate airfields to their destinations or flown there on Army helicopters. Some space-available travel from Ramstein will be completely canceled during the first five days of the closure.

The closure of Europe's busiest military airfield has forced Ramstein airfield managers and Air Mobility Command leaders to reroute traffic as follows:

■ Sept. 13-17: At least four of Ramstein's 86th Airlift Wing aircraft, which primarily carry cargo and passengers to the Balkans, will be rerouted to Spangdahlem Air Base. Duty passengers on their way to the region still will be processed at the Ramstein Air Terminal, but will be bused to Spangdahlem to catch flights. Showtimes for an average of 300 passengers on those flights that week will increase from three to at least six hours, to ensure they make their connections.

Wounded troops from Iraq and Afghanistan will be flown to Rhein-Main and bused to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Patients who need to get to LRMIC immediately will be airlifted there by Army helicopters, which will be staged at a private airfield in Zweibrücken.

The 86th Airlift Wing's fleet of C-21s and C-20s, used primarily for transport of "distinguished visitors," such as military brass and congressional delegates, will operate out of Zweibrücken. Distinguished visitors will be driven to Ramstein or, in some cases, taken there by Army helicopters.

Emergency medical evacuation C-21s, which transport ill patients from around the European theater to Landstuhl Regional

Medical Center, will be staged at Zweibrücken. Patients then will be bused or flown by helicopter to LRMIC.

Ramstein's 37th Airlift Squadron will conduct a training deployment to Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

■ Sept. 13-22: Air Mobility Command aircraft from the United States and around the globe will land at RAF Mildenhall, England. Cargo already in place at Ramstein will be trucked to Mildenhall, where it will be loaded on AMC planes for transport. Cargo landing at Mildenhall will be trucked back to Ramstein.

AMC will send 55 people to Mildenhall to help handle the increased operations — about 11 extra planes a week.

AMC will reroute three flights a week, with an average of 14 Space-A duty passengers each, from Ramstein to Rhein-Main Air Base or to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, for transport to Kandahar, Karshi Khanabad and Bagram, Afghanistan.

"Residual" air traffic, such as NATO aircraft, Air National Guard and Air Reserve planes, and any others, will use any available airfields in the European theater.

■ Space-available travel from Ramstein will be canceled Sept. 13-17. From Sept. 18-22, the only space-A travel in Europe will be aboard C-130 "channel" flights within the theater.

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### Additional low-carb products added to many commissaries

An estimated 30-50 million people in the United States are currently living the low-carb lifestyle, vigilantly counting carbohydrate grams listed on the packages of everything they eat. DeCA has responded to this phenomenon by increasing the selection of low-carb products in many stores. Available now in larger commissaries are special low-carb sections that feature reduced-carbohydrate sauces, pastas, baking mixes, breads, salad dressings, breakfast foods and energy bars.

### DeCA's Web site provides link to official absentee voter information

Stocking the pantry and democracy: What might these two things have in common? It's more than you might think. The Defense Commissary Agency is working with the Department of Defense to educate uniformed and overseas citizens on absentee voting.

For its part, DeCA has created a link on <http://www.commissaries.com> called Federal Voting Assistance Program. The link is connected to an official DoD site that is packed with helpful information from general to specific, including topics such as absentee voting, individual state registration requirements and how to apply for an absentee ballot. The information is updated regularly and provides answers to almost any voting-related question 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Web site also contains links to all state election sites, providing information about upcoming elections

and links to official Web sites of U.S. Senators and Representatives. When surfing DeCA's Web site for the latest commissary news, be sure to click the Federal Voting Assistance Program link and check out this valuable resource.



### Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic ... and Raisins?

What do raisins have to do with the "three Rs"? They mean a lot for parents who are looking for nutritional back-to-school snacks to fill lunch boxes, stow in school backpacks or have on hand for hungry youngsters after school. Commissaries have these hand-held snacks that fit perfectly into the always-in-motion lifestyle of active youngsters. Some of the more popular back-to-school snack items are fruit cups, breakfast bars, cheese snacks, snack packs, vacuum-packaged drinks, salty snacks, cookies and pudding cups. And don't overlook the produce department! Apples, tangerines, juicy peaches, plums, grapes, crispy celery hearts, carrot sticks and other fruits and veggies make great back-to-school or after-school snacks. For the college crowd, commissaries offer shelf-stable microwaveable foods, ramen noodles and single-serving size canned products. And when all else fails, rely on the old standby: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

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# Memorial honors victims of WWII mob

## German townspeople took out anger about bombings on U.S. airmen

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY  
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**O**RÜSSELSHEIM, Germany — A cup of coffee in a makeshift art studio above a busy intersection near the Main River, a bag lady points to the street below and recounts for her painter-host a little-known story about her town and World War II. That chance encounter 13 years ago between the woman and artist Hans Diebschlag helped inspire an effort that will culminate Thursday with the dedication of a memorial to an American B-24 bomber crew beaten and stoned by an angry mob on the morning of Aug. 26, 1944.

The heart-wrenching saga of 2nd Lt. Norman J. Rogers Jr. and his eight crewmen is an extraordinary story — but one that has been largely forgotten on both sides of the Atlantic.

"It's a very dramatic story," said Peter Karle, the German architect who designed the monument in Rüsselsheim, where the attack took place.

There are many layers to it, too.

Historically speaking, the landmark trial of 11 Rüsselsheim citizens in July 1945 marked the first proceeding of its kind in the American zone of occupation. It also served as a guide for the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal that started four months later.

And, in an ironic twist, the remembrance in Rüsselsheim is occurring the same week the U.S. military is holding preliminary hearings for four terrorism suspects at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The proceedings are the first U.S. military tribunals since Nuremberg.

A central figure in the Rüsselsheim trial was the U.S. Army prosecutor, Lt. Col. Leon Jaworski. Thirty years later, Jaworski gained fame as the special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation of President Nixon.

Jaworski's prosecution in the 1945 case led to the conviction of 10 of the 11 conspirators, though it was later determined that scores of other people were involved. Five of the 10 who stood trial went to the gallows. A sixth, a German soldier, was convicted and executed in 1946.

The attack on the U.S. aircraft happened the morning after the city was heavily damaged by a massive bombing raid by the Royal Air Force. While the city



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From left, Thomas Poth, Ulrike Jurig, Dagmar Eichhorn and Martin Schlappner get their first look at a monument Tuesday honoring six U.S. airmen killed by a mob in Rüsselsheim, Germany, during World War II.

was home to a sprawling auto plant, converted to produce aircraft parts for the German air force, much of the damage occurred in residential areas.

In his book "Wolfsangel," Augusto Nigro noted that Rüsselsheim had been bombed before and that residents, like others throughout Germany, had come to refer to Allied air crews as *Terrorflieger*, or terror fliers.

Large-scale "strategic" bombings, in which cities and civilians well behind enemy lines were pounded from the air, was a precept first accelerated by Britain in early 1942, the American prosecutor wrote. Germany adopted the tactic a few months later, leveling cities such as Coventry, in England. The tactic, a tenet of the "total war" concept, "introduced a new kind of terrorism into an already terrible war," Nigro wrote.

It was against this backdrop that Rogers' crew parachuted into northern Germany on the night of Aug. 24 after their B-24 Liberator was shot down following a bombing run on an air base near Hanover. All were captured and transported to an air base near the city of Münster.

One of the nine airmen, Staff

Sgt. Forrest W. Brinnistool, was taken to a medical clinic where he was operated on for shrapnel wounds. He remained behind while the others were loaded onto a train for a trip south to the prisoner interrogation center in Oberursel, near Frankfurt.

The RAF raid on Rüsselsheim in the early hours of Aug. 26 damaged the train tracks in town. When the train carrying Rogers and his crew neared the city, the eight Americans were taken off the train and escorted through town by two German soldiers. The idea was to cut through the city on foot and catch another train on the opposite side of town.

During the "death march," as Nigro called it, residents of Rüsselsheim took their anger out on the crew, thinking they were Canadian fliers from the previous night's raid. What began as taunts escalated into accusations, and before long a mob descended on the crew, attacking them with building material, stones, bricks, lumber and even hammers. The German soldiers disappeared.

"There were more than 100 people involved in the murders, in the massacre," said Dagmar Eichhorn, a principal proponent of the memorial.

The bodies were loaded onto a farmer's cart and taken to a local cemetery. While one of the residents swung a 2-by-4 to quiet the groans of those men still alive, an air raid siren sent everyone scurrying for cover.

William M. Adams and Sidney Eugene Brown, both sergeants, managed to pull themselves off the wagon and slip away, avoiding capture for four days before their luck ran out. They spent the rest of the war in POW camps, never revealing to their captors what had happened to them.

After the war, Adams and Brown told Army officials what transpired in Rüsselsheim, but amid all the postwar chaos, word didn't reach Jaworski until after the trial. Instead, the Army learned of the mob's attack from French and Polish slave laborers.

Over the years, the story has resurfaced from time to time, but it largely has been forgotten, especially by the people of Rüsselsheim. Eichhorn explained that most simply wanted to put the episode behind them.

Given that U.S. authorities were able to prosecute only a fraction of those involved, Eichhorn said, "It was dangerous for peo-

ple in Rüsselsheim to talk about this."

That explains why Diebschlag, the artist who is also a native of Rüsselsheim, though he later moved to England, didn't know the story.

When the bag lady told him the story, he incorporated elements of it into the painting commissioned by the city. The painting, a satirical work that drew plenty of detractors, hung in an assembly hall for four years before a new mayor ordered it removed.

The decision led to a public forum about the painting and the city's wartime past, which spurred Eichhorn and others to lead the effort to build the memorial.

Of the three airmen aboard the B-24 that was shot down who survived the war, only Brown is alive today. He is expected to attend Thursday's dedication, along with Rogers' daughter and granddaughter. Eichhorn credits Brown's forgiveness, Nigro's book and Diebschlag's painting for helping the city face its past and heal wartime wounds.

The war, Eichhorn said, "was a very hard time for all of us."

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# Hagee seeks expanded at-sea combat staging

Navy, Marines developing strategy to place forces in war zone without using other nations

BY CARLOS BONGIOANNI

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps is developing plans to strike in force deep within war zones without having to use other countries as staging areas, as happened in Kuwait prior to the invasion of Iraq, the Corps' commandant, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, says.

Speaking at the National Press Club in Washington, Hagee recapped what the Marine Corps has done the past few years in the Persian Gulf, went ashore in Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Just over a year after the November 2001 operations in Afghanistan, some 70,000 Marines and sailors from ships in the Persian Gulf, went ashore in Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In the future, "we want to be able to do that operation without having Kuwait" as a staging area, said Hagee. "Can we do that today? No. Can we do it in the future? We believe so."

A key strategy the Navy and Marine Corps are trying to develop, Hagee said, is the ability to place forces deep within enemy territory, within 10 to 12 days — up to 15,000 Marines with all the equipment and logistical support needed to sustain combat operations.

In past wars, he noted, the strategy was to get a foothold on an island or peninsula and then build a "gigantic mound" of sup-

plies and logistics. "We don't want to do that anymore," the general said. "We want that to remain at sea."

The arrival and assembly of Marines, their equipment and supplies would occur aboard ships at sea and then there would be "selective off-loads" from sea to specific sites ashore.

A smaller version of the concept worked well in Afghanistan, Hagee noted. Two months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he said the Marines were the only force ready to launch a large-scale ground attack from inside Afghanistan against Taliban and al-Qaida forces.

"We projected combat power 400 miles," to get some 4,000 Marines aboard ships in the Arabian Sea ashore inside landlocked Afghanistan, Hagee recounted. "Prior to that, our doctrine said we could project power ashore from the sea only about 200 nautical miles."

Hagee said one of his major concerns as commandant of the Marine Corps is providing the capabilities that joint-force combat commanders need, "much more rapidly than we can today."

To beef up capabilities, the Navy and Marine Corps have, over the past few years, developed expeditionary strike groups, Hagee said. These are the all amphibious ready groups and Marine expeditionary units, but they have added destroyers and cruisers, as well as a submarine. The entire group trains together and deploys together.

"The combatant commander likes them a great deal ... They bring more strike capability and additional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities. They come as a complete package, and he can use them wherever he wants."

But one problem with the strike groups, especially those deploying from the West Coast, is it takes up to 45 days to get to Central Command's area of operation in the Arabian Sea or Persian Gulf. And it takes another 45 days to return home.

"That's over a third of the time that they're deployed, a third of the time the Central Command combatant commander does not have that capability," said Hagee.

To address that concern, the Navy and the Marine Corps have been experimenting with a concept called sea swap. The idea is to leave the ships and their equipment in the theater where they are needed and rotate sailors and Marines in and out.

"The Navy has done it on smaller ships, with some success," said Hagee.

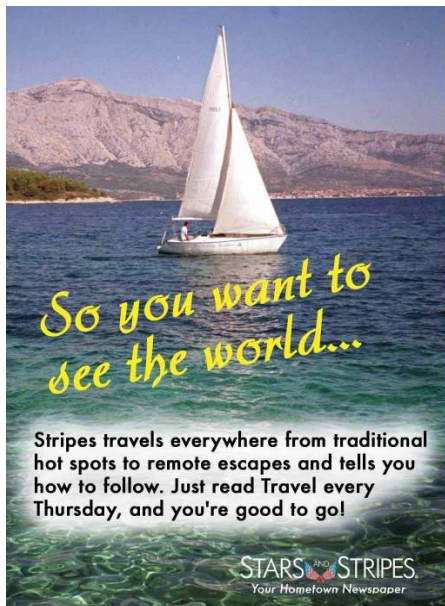
"But it's never been done on a large deck, like ... [an amphibious assault ship] or carrier, and it's never been done for a large number of ships at the same time ... We're going to experiment with it over the next year or so, because if we can be successful, we can provide more capability for that combatant commander ... simply by keeping those platforms forward deployed."

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Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael W. Hagee speaks about the state of the Marine Corps to a crowd of roughly 200 people Monday during a luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



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# Bahrain school to open

## Enrollment down as U.S. military families leave

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

Bahrain Elementary/High School will reopen for the school year, although fewer pupils and teachers will be in the classrooms following July's evacuation of military dependents.

"Our school there serves quite an international population, so we're reopening," said Frank O'Gara, spokesman for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe.

Last month, the Pentagon or-

dered the relocation of nearly 1,000 U.S. dependents from the tiny nation in the Persian Gulf because of possible terrorist attacks. The relocation, to start at least 30 days, left many in doubt about whether the school would reopen.

The school, scheduled to reopen Aug. 31, serves a multinational population of students, including dependents of employees of the State Department, other federal agencies and an international population in Bahrain.

O'Gara said the school's projected enrollment is 485, down from

last year's enrollment of 736. He said 43 teachers will return to Bahrain for duty, while 10 others were reassigned to other DODDS-Europe locations because of the reduction in enrollment.

The military has not announced when, or if, dependents will be allowed to return, Lt. Bill Speaks, spokesman for 5th Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, said Monday.

"There is still no change in the relocation policy," he said in a telephone interview.

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## Make up for the younger woman

Lauren Smith, 5, has her face painted by a volunteer at the annual block party on Saturday in Ilseheim, Germany. Despite the rainy weather, hundreds of Stork Barracks family members and soldiers turned out for the luau-themed event, which also featured sky divers and a pig roast.

CLAUDETTE ROULO

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## Command change

Lt. Col. Michael C. Bird replaced Lt. Col. Steven A. Shapiro as commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Combat Equipment Battalion-Luxembourg in a ceremony in Bettendorf, Luxembourg, on Aug. 9.

Bird was previously chief of the Army Special Operations Supply Support Activity, Bluegrass Station, Ky. Earlier assignments include two combat tours and a wide variety of logistics-related command and staff positions.

Shapiro has taken up duties with the 3rd Corps Support Command at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

With a workforce of more than 200 mostly German personnel, the battalion repairs, maintains and delivers combat-ready equipment and material ranging from toolboxes to tanks for the Army.

## Commissary bulk sales

Military commissaries worldwide are gearing up for their second case-lot sale of the year.

By purchasing in bulk, shoppers can save up to 50 percent on paper goods, canned goods, cleaning products and other items at 58 European commissaries, according to a Defense Commissary Agency news release.

Most stores will hold their sales in September, but some begin this month while others are not until October. Shoppers can find dates for their local stores at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

The Web site advises shoppers to check with local stores as the sale date draws closer to make sure there have been no changes due to unavailability of items or inclement weather. It also points out that popular items may sell out early.

## Soldier pleads guilty

VICENZA, Italy — A soldier formerly stationed in Greece pleaded guilty in a court-martial last week to downloading child pornography on his computer.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Patrick was sentenced to three years in prison — and forfeiture of all pay during that period — reduction in rank to E-1 and a dishonorable

discharge. Because of a pre-trial agreement, his sentence was reduced to 15 months.

He was found not guilty of attempting to distribute the material.

Patrick was assigned to a NATO operation in Greece. He was tried in Vicenza because it has the closest Army courtroom to his former duty station.

## Medieval days return

The golden age of medieval knights will be re-created at a 12th-century castle this weekend in Lynn, England, this week.

The event will begin at 10:15 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday at Castle Rising Castle. This is the last event of the summer at the old castle.

Visitors will be able to wander through a living history camp and watch as knights are armed for combat. There will also be entertainment from that time period, including juggling, dancing and singing.

Tickets are 7 British pounds (about \$13) for adults and 3.50 pounds for children. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs 18.50 pounds.

Castle Rising Castle is north of King's Lynn on A149 toward Hunstanton, about one hour from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath.

## Antigua base extension

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Antigua and Barbuda's prime minister and American officials signed an agreement Monday extending the lease of the U.S. Air Force base in the Caribbean country until 2008.

The Antigua Air Station helps track spacecraft that take off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., said base commander Maj. Brian Gaude.

The new agreement, which takes effect in January, continues an arrangement between the U.S. military and the Antigua government that began in the early 1960s.

The U.S. government will continue to pay annual rent of \$1.25 million to Antigua's government under the deal.

From staff and wire reports

# Internet coupons welcomed once again at commissaries

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — Commissary shoppers can again put their Internet surfing skills to good use.

This week, the Defense Commissary Agency began accepting coupons printed from the Internet, after refusing the printouts for nearly a year.

According to a DECA press release, the commissaries stopped accepting the coupons last September because fraudulent use of them was costing the grocery industry as a whole millions of dollars.

"The fraudulent use of the coupons involved [photocopying] them and trying to redeem them," said Kay Blackley, a spokeswoman for DECA in Europe.

Although the Web coupons are accepted now, there are limitations.

They must have bar codes, and no Internet coupon for free items can be redeemed.

"Generally, the coupons must be name-brand coupons that can be accepted at any store," Blackley said.

According to Blackley, the coupons can be found at sites that cater to military life, such as [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) or at Web sites for product manufacturers. There are many Internet coupon sites as well, but many offer store-specific coupons that can't be used at the commissary, Blackley said.

The commissary also will have links to Internet coupon sites in the future at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), Blackley said.

The Internet coupons are used like other coupons, with no limits on the number used unless specified on the coupon.

"It is just like any other coupon," Blackley said. "As long as it has a bar code that the cashier can scan, it is not fraudulent and is redeemable."

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## IN THE STATES

## Roberts: Iraq, 9/11 report sparked intel plan

By KATHERINE PFLERGER  
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts says that a year ago, attacks, he probably wouldn't have proposed the sweeping intelligence overhaul he brought forward this week.

But given the series of inquiries into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the prewar intelligence on Iraq, and the eight years preceding "Oh-my-God heings," the Kansas Republican said he saw the need to act.

On Monday, he put forward details of a plan to break up the CIA and rearrange the Pentagon's spy agencies under a single national intelligence director, among a litany of other changes outlined in a 139-page draft bill.

Roberts calls it "a marker" in the debate and said he expects changes. But with the legislation, he has solidified his position as a leading critic of the intelligence community by proposing the most far-reaching intelligence overhaul debated since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Roberts' proposal met immediate and broad resistance Monday.

The Intelligence Committee's

## A look at Roberts' plan for intelligence gathering

The Associated Press

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is proposing legislation to overhaul the intelligence community, recreating it as a National Intelligence Service. Among changes he proposes:

■ Create a national intelligence director, as recommended by the Sept. 11 commission, who would have authority over intelligence. The director would oversee over four assistant directors for intelligence collection; analysis and production; research, development and acquisition; and military support.

■ Break up the CIA into three parts: a National Clandestine Service to direct traditional spy operations; an Office of National Assessments to be responsible for intelligence analysis; and an Office of Technical Support to handle research and development projects.

■ Put three Defense Department agencies under the control of the assistant director for intel-

ligence collection: the National Security Agency, the super-secret code-breakers and code-protectors; the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates spy satellites; and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which analyzes the aerial imagery.

■ Make the Defense Intelligence Agency's human intelligence elements an independent agency under the control of the assistant director for collection.

■ Give the assistant director for collection control over the FBI's counterintelligence and counterterrorism divisions. These units would continue to be subject to Attorney General guidelines and operate within the FBI for administration and support purposes.

■ Create a director of military intelligence — a four-star officer to run the Defense Department's tactical intelligence elements and oversee armed forces conducting intelligence-related work. This commander would report directly to the defense secretary.

top Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, said it would be a "severe mistake" to disband the CIA while it is embroiled in the war on terror.

Former CIA Director George Tenet, making his first public statement since he resigned last month, said Roberts' plan showed a "dangerous misunderstanding of the business of intelligence."

President Bush did not endorse Roberts' proposal Monday.

Instead, the president said only that he was interested in finding "the best way to fashion intelligence" so the president and his Cabinet secretaries have got the ability to make good judgment calls.

Bush has supported the need for a national director to oversee

all intelligence-gathering, but has yet to detail the powers he wants the office to have.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he hadn't had a chance to see the restructuring proposal in writing.

"We do need to make significant adjustments in how we collect, communicate and disperse information," Rumsfeld told an

audience of about 1,300 troops at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, on Monday.

But he added: "We have to be careful about it ... You don't want, in the middle of the war, to go tearing up the pea patch."

Roberts surprised Republicans and Democrats alike when he announced on a Sunday morning talk show his proposal to remake the intelligence community by splitting the CIA into three separate agencies, pulling all or part of four defense intelligence agencies out of the Pentagon, and creating a new national intelligence director to oversee the National Intelligence Service he envisions.

On Monday, a defensive Roberts said, "If this proposal seems radical to some ... my response would be: What should we do?"

More than three dozen attempts to reorganize the intelligence community over more than five decades have failed, he said, adding that he spoke last week with colleagues of both parties, and eight of his panel's nine Republicans have agreed that Congress must act.

Democrats, meanwhile, criticized Roberts for not working in a more bipartisan fashion, and demanded more details.

## Bridge-filming arrest

BALTIMORE — A man described by federal authorities as an assistant to a top Hamas operative was arrested by Maryland police after he was seen videotaping the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, authorities said Tuesday.

Ismael Selim Elbarasse of Annandale, Va., suspected by federal authorities of having financial ties to the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, was arrested Friday after two off-duty Baltimore County police officers saw him taping the bridge from a sport utility vehicle, said Marcia Murphy, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Baltimore.

## Contempt order dropped

WASHINGTON — Contempt of court orders against Time magazine and one of its reporters were dismissed after the journalist agreed to give a statement to prosecutors probing the Bush administration leak of a covert CIA officer's identity.

In a statement Tuesday, Time said reporter Matthew Cooper agreed to give a deposition after Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, personally released Cooper from a promise of confidentiality to a conversation the two had last year.

## Storms hit Midwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Thunderstorms rained parts of the Midwest early Tuesday, a day after flash flooding swamped basements, stranded motorists and left some cars floating in water.

The National Weather Service reported several Kansas roadways under 6 inches of water on Monday, when several motorists had to be rescued from their cars.

Thunderstorms in North Dakota downed trees, flooded streets and knocked out power to several thousand people Monday. Golf ball-sized hail was reported in Bismarck, and winds of 70 mph were reported in Riverdale when the storm hit Monday night.

From wire reports

## Hope dims for finding missing boy in Utah



Maggie Ward, left, with the Summit County Sheriff's Office, looks at a map with volunteer Eric Quilter at a command post near Mirror Lake on Monday during the search for 12-year-old Garrett Barsley, a Boy Scout missing since Friday in the Cubahant Lake area of the Uinta Mountains near Kanab, Utah. Chilly, wet weather has dimmed hopes that rescuers will find him alive, officials said.

KEITH JOHNSON, DESERET MORNING NEWS/AP

## Study: High blood pressure plagues Americans

By JAMIE STENGLE

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Nearly a third of American adults have high blood pressure, putting them at greater risk of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure and other problems, according to a new government analysis.

The obesity epidemic and an aging population are to blame, experts say. Just over a decade ago, closer to one in four Americans had high blood pressure, and two decades ago the rate actually was declining.

About 65 million American adults now have high blood pressure — 30 percent

more than the 50 million who did in the previous decade, according to a report published Monday in *Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

"The big message to the American public on that is that we need to pay attention to our lifestyle and these things are overweight need to get slimmer," said Dr. Daniel Jones, dean of the School of Medicine for the University of Mississippi Medical Center and an expert on high blood pressure.

The study didn't examine reasons for the blood pressure spike, but experts said the fact the population is getting older and fatter probably plays a major role.

"It's not surprising because we've seen that Americans are getting fatter, and we know that blood pressure goes up when people gain weight," said Dr. David Goff, an epidemiology expert at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina, who was not involved in the analysis, which involved Census Bureau and other health statistics.

The risk of hypertension, or high blood pressure, is increased by old age, excess weight and lack of physical activity. A standard blood pressure reading is given as systolic pressure over diastolic pressure. Systolic, the larger of the two numbers, should ideally be below 120, while the diastolic number should be under 80.

At Cooper Union in New York on Tuesday, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts said the Bush campaign has "no plans, no positive vision and no understanding of an urgent and undeniable truth: A strong America begins at home."

AP

# Kerry: 'Fear and smear' is GOP's whole platform

BY MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry accused President Bush's campaign and political allies on Tuesday of conducting a campaign of "fear and smear" to avoid talking about jobs, health care and the war in Iraq.

"You can't lead America by misleading the American people," said Kerry, who has been struggling recently days against charges — denounced by Democrats as smear tactics — that he lied about his actions in Vietnam that brought five military medals.

"They have no plans, no positive vision and no understanding of an urgent and undeniable truth: A strong America begins at home," Kerry said.

The Massachusetts senator's speech appeared part of an effort to refocus the campaign on domestic and foreign policy issues, many of which trended his way in the polls. By his own words, it was also an attempt to pre-empt next week's Republican National Convention in New York.

Despite what GOP speakers may claim, he said, "every step of the way, George W. Bush has put the narrow interests of the few ahead of the interests of most Americans." He said the administration has favored tax cuts for the rich, given special access to polluters, rewarded companies that send jobs overseas and sided with big oil.

Next week, he predicted, "they'll bend over backward with last-minute proposals and last-minute promises for all they haven't done and pretend they're not who they are."

Kerry delivered his speech at New York's Cooper Union, the site of President Lincoln's 1860 speech against slavery that helped thrust him into national prominence.

Kerry said his plan would preserve middle-class tax cuts, reduce the cost of health care, education and energy, and increase the federal minimum wage.

Steve Schmidt, spokesman for the Bush-Cheney campaign, said that Kerry record displays support for tax hikes, not tax cuts.

"John Kerry says the blueprint for his economic agenda was his vote for the biggest tax increase in American history he supported in 1993," Schmidt said.

The 1993 vote was in favor of President Clinton's plan to cut the deficit by \$469 billion over five years, including some tax increases. It passed by one vote without any GOP support.

While he seemed eager to talk about domestic and foreign policy issues, Kerry got in a few shots at the controversy over his service in Vietnam.

"My duty... is to be a president and commander in chief who finds the truth and tells the truth instead of misleading the American people, hiding behind front groups, saying anything and doing anything to avoid the real issues that matter, like jobs, health care and the war in Iraq."

The Kerry campaign says Bush used a newly formed veterans' group not subject to campaign spending limits to attack his character.

Schmidt said Kerry has stood by while similar independent groups aligned with Democrats have spent millions on ads against the president.

# Big guns to help Bush with push

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — Voters in eight battleground states will be getting a rolling preview of the Republican National Convention in New York City when some of its most prominent speakers join President Bush for a pre-convention campaign swing.

Those traveling with the president include high-profile, independent-minded politicians who could expand his base of support: Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who led the city's recovery after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; Sen. Zell Miller, a Georgia Democrat who backs Bush; Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who has opposed gay marriage in his state; and Arizona Sen. John McCain, a staunch supporter of the president's policies in Iraq.

Bush will visit New Mexico, Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Michigan, Tennessee and Iowa before arriving in New York to accept the party's nomination on Sept. 2.

Bush begins his pre-convention tour with three stops in New Mexico on Thursday. Giuliani, who addresses the convention Monday, will be at rallies in Las Cruces, Farmington and Albuquerque.

On Friday, Bush travels to Flori-



Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani will campaign with President Bush this week, then address the Republican National Convention on Monday.

da to rally voters in Miami in hopes of expanding the razor-thin victory he had there in 2000. The president will be joined by Miller, keynote convention speaker.

On the convention's third day, Bush will rally supporters in Columbus, Ohio, before traveling to New York. Bush will address the convention the next night.

## Anti-Kerry book

NEW YORK — Barnes & Noble Inc. said Monday it has been pinched by strong demand for a new book that questions the Vietnam-era actions of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

The nation's largest book store chain also said Republican and Democratic critics have lodged thousands of complaints accusing it of both favoring and suppressing "Unfit for Command."

CEO Steve Riggio said Barnes & Noble has no political agenda.

"Unfit for Command," by John O'Neill and Jerome Corsi, accuses Kerry of lying about his decorated wartime record and betraying comrades by returning from Vietnam with an alleged widespread atrocities by U.S. troops.

## Daughters' casting call

WASHINGTON — President Bush's twin daughters are urging young people to vote, saying that schoolwork, parties and extracurricular activities often keep students away from campaigns and voting booths.

Bush's re-election campaign sent out an e-mail Tuesday with a message from Jenna and Barbara Bush, 22, saying that less than half of 18- to 24-year-olds were registered to vote in the last election.

"We are asking you to get involved with this campaign not only because it is the most critical election of our lifetime, but also because we have the ability to positively change our future," they said.

From The Associated Press

# Nader campaign struggles to get his name on ballot

BY JONATHAN FINER  
AND BRIAN FALER

The Washington Post

Ten weeks before the 2004 presidential election, Ralph Nader's campaign is mired in a painstaking struggle to get his name on the ballot in a host of states he contested four years ago.

Monday, Michigan election officials deadlocked over whether to accept his petition to be on the ballot as an independent candidate, which Democrats argued was riddled with fraud, sending the issue to an appeals court.

Earlier in the day, a federal court in Illinois denied Nader's challenge to state election laws, which he said are too hostile to in-

dependent candidates.

Dogged by an unprecedented public relations and legal campaign against him by the Democratic Party and like-minded groups — who fear his candidacy will swing the election to President Bush — the long-time consumer advocate has failed to win certification for the ballot in California, Indiana, Oklahoma, Georgia, Arizona, Maryland, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, South Carolina and Texas, and faces other challenges to his petitions in numerous states; 17



Nader

more state filing deadlines occur in the coming weeks.

Despite efforts to thwart Nader, his campaign said he likely will succeed in several closely contested states, including Florida, where he received 97,000 votes in 2000, while Bush beat Democrat Al Gore by a few hundred votes.

"We believe we will be on the ballot in the vast majority of states," said Nader spokesman Kevin Zeese. "But it takes away from media attention we might get otherwise and voters don't get to hear about the issues, only the ballot-access fights."

In his last run for president, Nader was nominated by the Green Party and received 2.7 percent of the vote. This year, at the urging of the Democrats and many former

Nader backers, the party, which claims more than 20 automatic slots on state ballots, denied Nader its endorsement.

In several states, the ballot disputes have turned nasty, with Democrats lining up teams of lawyers to scrutinize petitions and allege rampant fraud, and Nader accusing the party of using dirty tricks to keep him off the ballot.

Nader has yet to run a television ad, but at least two Democratic-leaning anti-Nader groups have waged media efforts against him. While Republicans do not deny offering logistical support to Nader's petition efforts in several states, direct financial contributions from those who have also donated to Bush so far amounts to only \$54,300, or 4 percent of the \$1.5 million he has raised.



## IN THE WORLD

## Straw calls on Sudan to protect refugees

BY ED JOHNSON

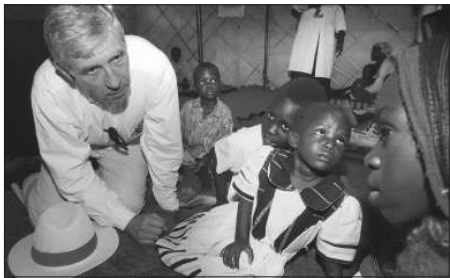
The Associated Press

AL-FASHER, Sudan — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, meeting people in the desert and scrubland of troubled Darfur, said Tuesday the Sudanese government should do more to make it safe for them to go home.

Straw's tour of the conflict-ravaged region came as the U.N. deadline neared for Khartoum to disarm Arab militiamen, accused of terrorizing African farmers, or face economic and diplomatic sanctions. Elsewhere, Nigerian mediators struggled to get the Sudanese government and rebels to reach an agreement that could allow for more progress toward calm before the deadline.

More than 30,000 people have been killed and 1.4 million forced to flee their homes in what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Some have gone further, calling it genocide, a designation many believe would force the international community to take strong action.

Straw, whose country has veto power on the Security Council, said officials should be in a position by the end of the week to decide whether Khartoum had made sufficient progress in easing the crisis to avoid sanctions.



Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, left, meets refugees Tuesday at the Abu Shouk camp in the northern Darfur region of Sudan. Straw said it was clear from the stories he heard from some of the thousands at the camp that many would not return to their villages because of fears of attacks by the Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

"It is for Kofi Annan to judge the extent to which they have complied," he said before leaving Darfur for talks in the capital with Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir.

Women in brightly colored robes had clustered around Straw at a watering point in the Abu Shouk camp, home to more than 40,000 people and near Al-Fasher, the provincial capital of northern Darfur. Some carried babies in slings on their backs, others let out high-pitched trills in a traditional welcoming cry to the British delegation.

Straw said it was clear from their stories that many would not return to their villages because of fears of attacks by the Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

He said there had been progress since the Security Council set the Aug. 30 deadline, noting that humanitarian aid groups had been granted access to the western region and that security in the camps had improved.

But "people are still very anxious, apprehensive and nervous about whether they will be safe to go back to the villages from which they have come," Straw said. "There is still a lack of confidence that it is safe for them to return home, and that has got to be pinned down."

Straw said the Sudanese government and two rebel factions which took up arms in February 2003 demanding greater political representation must thrash out a settlement at peace talks held in Abuja, Nigeria, to end the crisis.

Straw did not respond directly when asked whether he saw evidence of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

"The crucial challenge now is not the description, but what we do about the problem and how we try to turn it around," Straw said.

## Ex-roommate testifies 9/11 suspect not violent

BY CLAUD-PETER TIEMANN

The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — A former roommate of a Moroccan charged with helping the Sept. 11 hijackers testified Tuesday that Moumin el Motassadeq disliked the United States but "was not a violent individual" despite his friendship with the group around lead suicide pilot Mohamed Atta.

Necidi Aydin, a 32-year-old Turk, shared accommodations with el Motassadeq from late 1996 until July 1999 while the two were students in Hamburg.

Motassadeq had a negative attitude toward the United States," Aydin recalled during testimony to the state court in Hamburg. But conversations over dinner with Atta and other suspected members of the Hamburg

al-Qaida cell focused on general topics such as their homelands, Islam, and their studies, he added.

"Motassadeq had nothing to hide," Aydin said. "Actually he was very quiet."

Aydin portrayed el Motassadeq as a sensitive man, recalling arguments over the noise made by the Moroccan's friends that ended with him in tears.

"He was not a violent individual," Aydin said.

El Motassadeq is being retried after his conviction for helping Sept. 11, 2001, pilots Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah was overturned in March on appeal. A federal court ruled he was unfairly denied evidence from U.S.-held al-Qaida suspects—including Ramzi Binalshibh, the suspected contact between the Hamburg cell and al-Qaida.



U.S. soldiers of Pennsylvania's 28th Infantry Division march along the Champs-Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe in the background, on Aug. 29, 1944, four days after the liberation of Paris, France.

## Lessons of liberation

Frenchmen recall bitter war against Germany

BY MORT ROSENBLUM

The Associated Press

PARIS — The Champs-Elysees, free at last, was awash with wild joy on Aug. 25, 1944. But deep in the heart of France the war raged on, with Frenchmen killing Frenchmen to aid a desperate Germany.

And now, 60 years on, people who suffered most are among the staunchest supporters of a new Europe in which France and Germany are, essentially, just two members of a 25-nation super-state.

"This is the great triumph of the 21st century," said Jean-Marie Delabre, 81. "Peace is accepting the idea that you must live with others and forge natural differences into something stronger."

He added: "I don't think I'd

have said that a few years after the war." While Paris celebrated, his Resistance unit fought on near Dijon. Captured, he was in German prison camps until armistice in May 1945.

With time, Delabre decided that since wars are much easier to start than to finish, the only answer is to avoid them.

"A united Europe is a lesson for the rest of the world," he concluded.

A war that left millions dead had not only pitted France against its ancient neighbor and foe, but it also forced deep divisions among the French themselves. Some resisted, but many collaborated.

People who remember Aug. 25, 1944, are celebrating it with a bitter-sweet mix of emotions. For many, the horror and humiliation of occupation did not sink in until years, if not decades, later.

## Flights canceled

LONDON — Thousands of British Airways passengers have been stranded by canceled flights and lengthy delays at Heathrow Airport because of staff shortages and technical problems at the airline.

British Airways canceled 21 flights to and from short-haul destinations in Britain and Europe on Tuesday — a day after the airline scrapped 25 flights to the United States and other European destinations.

It urged all passengers to consult its Web site before traveling to Heathrow.

The airline estimated around 5,000 passengers have been affected so far and at least another 2,500 would be affected Tuesday.

The airline, which is recruiting more staff, said it was around 120 staff short at Heathrow.

## End of a pear tree

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — It stood for 350 years, bearing fruit for a dozen generations, but strong winds finally brought down what is believed to be the oldest pear tree in Scandinavia.

Since the mid-1600s, the massive pear tree had helped feed the people outside Enköpings, an hour's drive west of Stockholm.

On Saturday night, as Alf and Eivor Svantesson were going to bed, the tree fell outside their house in an ear-splitting crack. Strong winds had been blowing in the area in the past few days, Eivor Svantesson said. The trunk had rotted from the inside, she said.

From The Associated Press

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## OPINION

## U.S., allies must effect Sudan regime change

BY ERIC REEVES

The horrors in Darfur mark this century's first great venture in genocide, but they are not the first such action perpetrated by the National Islamic Front regime ruling Sudan. That distinction goes to the jihad directed against the various African peoples of the Nuba Mountains beginning in 1992. Genocide began again in the vast oil concessions of southern Sudan in 1998, when the African peoples of the region became targets of a systematic policy of scorched-earth clearances. Many hundreds of thousands were killed or displaced.

Khartoum's genocide in Darfur is both familiar and different. It is, as seasoned Sudan analyst Alex de Waal has argued, "the routine cruelty of a security cabal, its humanity withered by years in power: it is genocide by force of habit." Confronted with a surprising-

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ly robust military insurgency in Darfur — growing out of decades of economic marginalization and a near-total breakdown in civilian security — the government in Khartoum instinctively responded by organizing and deploying the Janjaweed Arab militia, which has brutally and systematically destroyed the means of agricultural production throughout Darfur, focusing almost exclusively on African tribal groups. These people now confront "conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction." They face genocide.

No reasonable world order can tolerate a serially genocidal regime that rules only by virtue of ruthlessness survival. Yet this

is what the United Nations appears prepared to do. A July 30 U.N. Security Council resolution on Darfur was an exercise in temporizing. Veto-wielding China and Russia, as well as Pakistan and Algeria, resisted all meaningful action; both China and Pakistan abstained in the final vote, signaling that nothing further will be done when the Security Council takes up Darfur again on Sunday.

In the distorting shadow of the Iraq war, this is an exceedingly difficult moment to argue for "regime change" in Khartoum. But regime change alone can end genocide as the domestic security policy of choice in Sudan. And it is the only thing that can avert the deaths of hundreds of thousands in Darfur. The mismatch between humanitarian need and capacity grows more deadly each day. And Khartoum is strenuously resisting deployment of any peacekeeping force, even from the African Union.

The moral logic of regime change could not be clearer. The NIF came to power by military coup in 1989, deposing an elected government and aborting the most promising peace process since Sudan's independence in 1956. The only arguments against regime change are those of realpolitik: the risk is Sudan's de facto government and practicability (how can Sudan's governance be taken into international receiver-ship?).

But years in power cannot legitimize genocide. This will only encourage regimes like Khartoum's to believe they are invulnerable and act accordingly. Even from the realpolitik perspective, accep-



tance of rule by those who commit genocide is counterproductive to regional and world order; it also offers encouragement to other regimes tempted to use genocide as a political weapon.

To the second objection — how will it be done? — there are certainly no easy answers. But one consequence of the Iraq war (though of course not a justification in itself) is that public discussion of regime change by the United States will resonate much more deeply in Khartoum's despotic thinking. If it is coupled with serious efforts to work with our European allies to squeeze Khartoum by means of comprehensive economic sanctions, as well as sanctions targeted against NIF leaders, we may first be able to secure a permissive environment for humanitarian intervention in Darfur, saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

If regime change is not to be chaotic, it must be organized by a consortium of international actors, including regional governments; efforts must be made to reach out to all opposition parties throughout the country and in exile. A proportionately representative interim governing council must be created externally but be ready to move quickly to take control when the NIF is removed by whatever means are necessary. The great risk is an implosion of the military that sustains NIF power, but this risk is as great without any effort of regime change.

The challenges adumbrated here are daunting and politically risky. The consequences of failing to accept these challenges are continuation of genocidal rule and additional hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Eric Reeves is a professor at Smith College. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## What matters most, life savings or saving lives?

BY FRANK J. GAFFNEY JR.

For the first time since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have a chance to do something that millions of us have yearned to do: help win the war on terror.

Millions of people who invest in public pension plans can act to deny upward of \$70 billion to nations that finance, train, arm and otherwise sponsor terrorist enemies of the United States. The Center for Security Policy, in a report titled "Terrorist Investment of the 50 States" ([www.DivestTerror.org](http://www.DivestTerror.org)), identifies where much of this money goes and through which companies.

There can be little doubt about the effect of keeping such immense sums out of the hands of the Iranian, Libyan, Syrian, North Korean and Sudanese regimes. They would have less money to fund their terrorist allies, less money to buy or build weapons of mass destruction, less money to threaten U.S. interests and allies. It might even precipitate the sort of cash-flow crisis that ultimately destroyed the Soviet Union — catalyzing regime changes where they would do the most good without firing a shot.

How could American investors help bring about these sorts of desirable outcomes? The same way they helped cause an end two decades ago to apartheid in South Africa — divesting stock where it counted.

This time, there are roughly 400 companies that could be targeted for doing business with terrorist-sponsoring regimes. The new report shows that the leading American

public pension funds alone have invested about \$200 billion in such companies, representing on average 15 percent to 23 percent of their respective portfolios. The largest, the California Public Employee Retirement System, has about \$18 billion invested in 201 such companies.

In a recent letter to the heads of the top 100 American public pension funds and the state officials responsible for them, Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., called the business these firms are doing with state sponsors of terror "unconscionable."

The good news is that subscribers to

American public pension plans and other institutional and private investors have real leverage. They can demand that their money be invested only with companies that choose not to do business with hostile governments — through shareholder resolutions, for instance. Should even one of this country's large public pension funds divest in this fashion, an unmistakable signal would be sent to companies the world over: You can enjoy the benefits of being highly regarded in the American capital market or you can do business with those who sponsor our terrorist foes.

The bad news is that so far almost none of

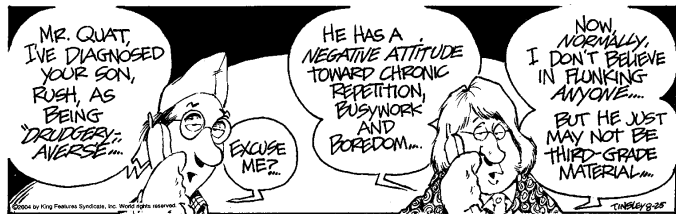
the 87 public pension systems in the center's study appear to be even interested in acquiring data about which companies in their portfolios have business activities in these regions. Worst of all, those with fiduciary responsibility for these funds continue investing heavily in companies partnered with governments helping U.S. enemies.

This situation should be intolerable to all Americans. Correcting it clearly should be part of a comprehensive strategy for winning the war on terror. Investors must do their part.

Frank J. Gaffney Jr. is president of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C. This column first appeared in The Los Angeles Times.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY







Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon today.

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## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s, Thursday lows in the mid 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 60s to low 70s, Thursday lows in the mid

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers Thursday morning. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, Thursday lows in the upper 50s, to low 60s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 60s to upper 80s, Thursday lows in the low 50s to mid 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s, Thursday lows in the low to mid 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to low 70s, Thursday lows in the low to mid 50s.

**Hungary:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, Thursday lows in the mid 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s, Thursday lows in the mid 60s to low 70s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 80s, Thursday lows in the mid 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s, Thursday lows in the mid 50s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s, Thursday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to low 100s, Thursday lows in the upper





**Turkey:** Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s to low 90s, Thursday lows in the upper 60s to low 70s.

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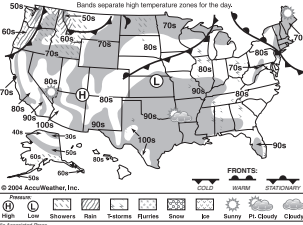
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Sunrise (Frankfurt)	6:33 AM	6:32 AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	7:37 PM	7:36 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	8:24 PM	8:22 PM

			
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## AFRICA

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Cape Town	63	47	Mogadishu	84	72
Dakar	88	79	Nairobi	77	52
Freetown	81	73	Rabat	86	68

## THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	69	57	Manila	86	77
Bahrain	109	84	Mexico City	75	56
Beijing	82	65	Montreal	71	63
Beirut	88	75	Riyadh	110	82
Bermuda	86	77	Rio de Jan	74	69
Caracas	92	78	Seoul	87	65
Helsinki	65	51	Sofia	89	57
Hong Kong	95	80	Sydney	72	52
Johannes	85	66	Tokyo	86	74

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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A map of the Middle East region with major cities marked by black dots. Each city is accompanied by its name and a flight time from London in minutes. The cities and their flight times are: Cairo 94/72, Tel Aviv 89/71, Baghdad 112/80, Kuwait 115/83, Dhahran 108/86, Dubai 105/90, Zahedan 106/84, Ashgabat 100/71, Mazar-e Sharif 105/81, Kabul 94/60, Kandahar 102/69, Islamabad 92/72, New Delhi 89/77, Karachi 89/79, Bombay 86/73, and Hyderabad 87/71. The map also shows country borders and names: Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia, and Oman. A grey shaded area in the top right corner is labeled 'MIDEAST'.

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## Saving the panthers

**FL** PORT MYERS — A federal judge revoked a permit to develop a limestone mine amid 6,000 acres of habitat that could be used by the endangered Florida panther.

The National Wildlife Federation, which sued to stop the development, alleged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act by issuing permits for the mine.

Panthers have been recorded at or near Florida Rock Industries' project site, near Fort Myers' Southwest International Airport. Fewer than 100 panthers remain in Florida.

## Lottery trial scratched

**MA** BOSTON — A former convenience store clerk will keep collecting winnings from a \$4 million lottery ticket after a Massachusetts judge declared a mistrial in a dispute over ownership of the ticket.

After nearly four days of deliberations, the Barnstable Superior Court jury deadlocked over whether the winning ticket properly belonged to Julie Prive, or to Falmouth retiree who sued to claim the prize.

Prive has been collecting winnings on the ticket — \$205,000 a year for 20 years before taxes — since 2002. Lottery officials say they will keep paying unless a court rules otherwise.

Prive had regularly collected discarded scratch tickets and entered them in the lottery's second-chance game designed to prevent litter. While double-checking the used tickets, she said she found a winner worth \$4 million.

But Raymond MacDonald and Monica Hertz claim the winning ticket — No. 93 in the book of \$10 tickets — was among the 45 tickets they bought May 17, 2002.

## Checking on artifacts

**HI** HONOLULU — The Hawaiian Homes Commission has decided to open a Big Island cave complex to determine if reburied ancient Hawaiian artifacts are still there.

Commission chairman Micah Kane said that a policy barring access to the Kawaihau caves will remain in force while a federal probe continues into whether some other reburied artifacts ended up being offered for sale.

The request for access came from Laakea Suganuma, who represents claimants who have complained the Kawaihau artifacts were reinterred four years ago without their claims being fully heard.

Suganuma asked for access after recent reports that artifacts buried in nearby Kanupa Cave turned up for sale at an antiques shop. The U.S. Interior Department is investigating.

## Murder-suicide notes left

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — A medical school student who jumped to his death after apparently killing his neurosurgeon wife left a note citing problems in his marriage, a newspaper reports.

Police had earlier said that Robert Howard left a rambling note that apologized for his perceived

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failures but contained no clue about what drove him to murder and suicide.

The existence of a second note was reported in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper.

The notes were found together on a desk at the home shared by Howard, 28, a former All-American triple-jumper as a University of Arkansas track athlete, and his wife, Dr. Robin L. Mitchell, 31, chief neurosurgical resident at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

## Robbery suspect caught

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma City man has been arrested in connection with 15 bank robberies in six Oklahoma cities.

Gerard Bennett, 31, was arrested by FBI agents outside an Oklahoma City hotel after a short foot chase.

Bennett was arraigned on 15 counts of bank robbery and six counts of using a minor in a crime of violence. U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Bacharach ordered that Bennett be detained.

According to a federal grand jury indictment, Bennett intentionally used one or two people younger than 18 in six of the Oklahoma robberies.

## Tribal sovereignty upheld

**ID** BOISE — A federal appellate court in Idaho upheld the ban preventing the state from taxing motor fuel sold on Indian



## Ugly duck

One of the many odd ducks that roam Baumber Lake at Eastside Park in Washington, Ind., looks for food. Residents believe years of inbreeding has produced these strange ducks.

reservations. In a 2 to 1 ruling, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with the Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes that such taxation violated tribal sovereignty and could create a barrier to interstate commerce.

Clay Smith, the attorney who argued the case for the state, said it was too soon to know if the state would seek an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. That decision would be made by the tax commission after consulting with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, he said.

Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Anthony Johnson said he was happy with the ruling.

"We're pleased that the court has upheld the tribes' sovereignty, and has disallowed the state's intrusion on the tribes' basic governmental powers," Johnson said.

## Wheely bad ride

**NY** PHOENICIA — A Ferris wheel at an Ulster County fire department fund-raiser spun out of control after a cable snapped, coming to a halt only after nearly two dozen firefighters at the fire grabbed the wheel and brought it under control, police said.

None of the seven passengers was hurt, but several children were temporarily stranded in suspended cars and the ride's operator suffered a minor arm injury, said Officer Thomas O'Connell of the Town of Shandaken police.

The incident began at Parish Field in Phoenicia, where a fund-raiser for the Phoenicia Fire Department was being held, police said.

After the cable snapped, the ride's operator tried to use the hand brake to stop the wheel from spinning. But the wheel continued to speed up, police said.

"It was really scary — it looked like a roulette wheel when you spin it. I'm surprised nobody got thrown off," O'Connell said.

Twenty firefighters swarmed the ride, stopping it and freeing two adult riders from the bottom car. Five children were stranded in upper cars until firefighters used a ladder truck to free them.

## Less means more

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — The National Marine Fisheries Service released a much-anticipated draft of a study on how to save the struggling shrimp industry in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

The agency said cutting down on the number of shrimp boats is a top priority. Possibilities mentioned in the report include a moratorium on new licenses and a government buyback of licenses and boats.

"We're producing about all we're going to produce as a system and I think the industry has to look at how to distribute that catch," said William Hogarth, assistant administrator of the Fisheries Service. "If it's going to be an open-access fishery then it will be difficult to keep up the profitability."

The industry, hit hard by imports which now make up 87 percent of the market, is waging a trade battle with six of the largest shrimp-producing countries. Last month, the U.S. Commerce Department ruled in favor of imposing tariffs on shrimp from those countries.



## Out for a roll

Old Dan, a blue rat owned by 9-year-old Oscar McNamara, rolls through the grass at Heritage Park as he prepares for the start of the Pet Parade in Olympia, Wash.



## Scorched earth

A Confederate army officer re-enactor ignites some bales of hay during a Civil War Reenactment/Encampment in Clintonville, Wis.



## Troubled waterway

Two canoeists paddle through a section of the breached Embury Dam near Fredericksburg, Va. A year ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declared the three-quarter-mile stretch of the Rappahannock River from the dam to the Interstate 95 bridge off-limits to public use.



**Sinking feeling** Jason Itam, 16, left, and Steven Dause, 16, begin to sink when their cardboard boat, the Minnow, collapses as it absorbs too much water during the inaugural Cardboard Boat Race at Aquia Landing Beach Park, along the Potomac River near Stafford, Va.



**In the thick of it** Mike Larson gets bogged down in some slimy stuff during the Mud Run at Kernel Days in Wells, Minn.



**Water everywhere** Children dance and cool off from the summer heat under the spray from a broken fire hydrant in Pomona, Calif.



**Mating season** Manatees gather on the shoreline of Siesta Beach in Sarasota, Fla. The manatees were in a mating frenzy and came closer and closer to the shore as they tired.

## \$2M cleanup project

**UT** ALTA — Texas oilman Dick Bass invested nearly every dollar he ever earned and borrowed millions more to develop his Snowbird ski resort, and he wasn't eager to touch the mining waste he inherited on resort lands. It could make him liable under federal law for an expensive reclamation.

"I owe so much money my tail is puckerd to my tonsils every waking moment," Bass, 74, of Dallas said Wednesday.

But now Snowbird resort is joining an unusual partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the conservation group Trout Unlimited and Tiffany & Co. to finish cleaning up the acidic pollution leaching heavy metals into American Fork river.

The \$2 million project, taking place on a patchwork of federal and private lands, couldn't be done on federal dollars alone, Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said.

Bosworth said the Utah partnership could serve as a template for cleanup projects around the West, where mining waste has polluted the headwaters of 40 percent of all watersheds.

## Tracking kids K-12

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Public school students in Rhode Island will have their academic progress tracked by a new identification system.

The 10-digit number, called a universal student identifier, will allow districts to follow the performance of all students from elementary school through high school, The Providence Journal reported.

The identifier number is randomly generated by a computer and is confidential, state education officials say. The state assigns a number to each child and then that ID number is sent back to the district, which merges it with the child's records.

Although the Federal No Child Left Behind law doesn't require that states adopt a universal ID system, it does require that states gather test-score data based on ethnicity, income, gender and disability. Without some kind of identification system, states could not assemble and sort all of this information.

At least 33 states have adopted some form of identifier, and, like Rhode Island, most have chosen a system in which the number is assigned by the state education department.

## Training in Indian issues

**MI** EAST LANSING — A Native American law program to be launched this fall at Michigan State University College of Law will train future lawyers in Indian issues ranging from gaming to taxes.

The program will provide law students with a more specialized background and let them work with tribal governments on policy-making decisions, research and infrastructure plans.

"Many people, including the public and law students and even practicing attorneys, are simply unfamiliar with tribal governments at all except for an occasional casino reference," said assistant professor Donald Laverdure, director of the program.

The program's four classes include one in which law students

will work with tribal governments on everything from developing tax codes to zoning regulations.

Only 20 law schools nationwide have formal Indian law programs. Fewer than 1 percent of lawyers in the United States are Native Americans.

## Black bear ruling

**NH** CONCORD — In what the Fish and Game Department says may be a precedent-setting case, a Shelburne man has been convicted of shooting a black bear raiding a bird feeder in his back yard.

Fish and Game Lieutenant Doug Graleński said that Jocelyn Labonville had complained twice to conservation officers that a black bear was raiding his bird feeders and he was concerned for his grandchildren's safety.

Graleński said Labonville was told to stop feeding birds and the bear problem would go away but he shot and killed the bear while it fed at his bird feeder on June 14.

Labonville was convicted in Gorham District Court of taking wildlife during a closed season. He was fined \$240 and will lose his hunting license for one year.

Several states, including Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania, have laws prohibiting direct and indirect feeding of black bears.

## Auto collision kills 2

**NC** LILLINGTON — Two people believed to be a mother and her child died in a collision with a car carrying five robbery suspects who were being chased by police.

According to authorities, the men, who may have been trying to rob a bank were speeding in their car when it struck the woman's Jaguar as she tried to enter N.C. 210 from the parking lot of a shopping center.

The five suspects, who were in a Lincoln Town Car, and the driver of another vehicle involved were hurt and taken to a hospital, Harnett County Sheriff Larry Rollins said.

A worker at the First National Bank in Erwin called police after she noticed men who were trying to hide their faces. She locked the door and the men left the bank.

## Emergency rooms close

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Financial problems caused mainly by the treatment of uninsured patients have forced two emergency rooms to close in Los Angeles County, raising concerns that other facilities may be overwhelmed.

The latest emergency room closings are the fifth and sixth in two years, causing some officials to worry about a shortage of emergency care in the state's most populous region.

"We cannot stand any more closures in an emergency system capacity in Los Angeles — this system is on the brink of absolute chaos," said Jim Loft, executive vice president of the Hospital Association of Southern California.

They blamed a decrease in reimbursements for treatment of uninsured patients, many of whom use the emergency room as their primary care facility.

Stories and photos from news wires





Author Peter Wallner was surprised to find a lock of hair within a letter while researching the historic archives on the life of President Franklin Pierce. The letter and lock of hair were from Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, the wife of Alexander Hamilton, and sent to Pierce's wife, Jane.

# And lock

## Author finds hair sent to former president's wife

By KATHY MCCORMACK  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — You just never know what you'll find in the historic archives.

An author researching the life of President Franklin Pierce came across an odd piece of correspondence sent to Pierce's wife, Jane: a letter containing a lock of hair from a friend who had just passed away.

The friend was Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, widow of Alexander Hamilton. She had outlived her husband — who was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804 — by some 50 years and spent her later life in Washington, preserving his memory.

The letter, dated Nov. 9, 1854 — the day she died — was sent to Jane Pierce by one of Elizabeth Hamilton's sons, James. It presented her with the hair "of her venerable and truly pious and excellent friend," and thanked the Pierces "for their kindness and attention to his sainted mother's."

Jane Pierce documented the item in her own handwriting on a piece of paper found with the letter, and on an envelope that contained it. A short poem written on the inside of the envelope says "The spirit of the loved and the departed are with us."

Giving someone a lock of hair was very common in the 19th century, said Wes Balla, the New Hampshire Historical Society's director of collections and exhibitions. For example, if a husband and wife were separated from one another due to travel, they might keep a portrait miniature along with a lock of hair of their beloved. "It's a physical reminder of a bond," he said.

Peter Wallner, who just published Part I of a Franklin Pierce biography, recently found the letter in the Pierce papers stored at the historical society.

For the historical society, the items confirmed a relationship between the then-first lady and a woman who had a direct link to one of the founding fathers of the United States. It was known that the two had corresponded, but there are no surviving letters.

"One of the points of connection between the two women was that they were both very religious, pious people," great readers of the Bible who believed in charity and good works, Balla said.

Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution and the nation's first treasury secretary, fought in the Revolutionary War, was a confidant of George Washington and became an author of the "Federalist Papers." As treasurer, some of his economic plans were met with opposition by Jeffersonian Republicans, a force that gradually grew stronger than Hamilton's Federalist Party.

## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osa.mil>

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	Beyond the Glory	The Wild Thornberrys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30 Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Headball With Chris Matthews	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights	The Simpsons	Strange Days
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	ESPN News	CHN Daybreak	Happy Days	Headline News
11:00 General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The Amazing Race	ESPN News
11:30 Judge Judy	The King of Queens	Good Morning America	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Mail Call	Pacific Report
12:30 Today	Fear Factor	World News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Jeopardy!
13:30 Las Vegas 'Luck Be a Lady'	Las Vegas 'Luck Be a Lady'	The Early Show	Pardon the Interruption	Secrets of War	Fear Factor
14:30 Sylvester & Tweety	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Las Vegas 'Luck Be a Lady'	Las Vegas 'Luck Be a Lady'
15:30 Telemundo (El Trece)	Late Show	World News	ESPN News	Movie *** 'Harvey' (1950, Comedy) James Stewart, Josephine Hull, Charles Drake	Late Show
16:30 Mechanics for Kids	Guiding Light	The Early Show	Pardon the Interruption	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
17:30 Strange Days	General Hospital	FOX News	ESPN News	Secrets of War	The Hot List
18:30 Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPN News	Movie *** 'Harvey' (1950, Comedy)	Today
18:30 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	FOX News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
19:30 Beach volleyball, men's final; canoeing, semifinal; cycling, track final; synchronized swimming final; duet	Beach volleyball, men's final; canoeing, semifinal; cycling, track final; synchronized swimming final; duet	FOX News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
20:30 Headline News	The Hot List	Headline News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
21:30 Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
22:30 Today	Headline News	Headline News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News
23:30 Access Hollywood	Headline News	Headline News	ESPN News	Legends of Airpower	Headline News

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2004					
0:00 Movie *** 'A Little Girl' (1997) A look at the 1963 bombing of a black church in Alabama	11:00 Today	Headline News	SportsCenter	Mail Call	11:00 Today
1:00 Sesame Street (El)	Sesame Street (El)	NBC Nightly News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Legends of Airpower	Sesame Street (El)
1:30 CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	ABC World News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	The Wild Thornberrys	Sesame Street (El)
2:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	The Simpsons	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
2:30 Beach volleyball, men's final; canoeing, semifinal; cycling, track final; synchronized swimming final; duet	Beach volleyball, men's final; canoeing, semifinal; cycling, track final; synchronized swimming final; duet	Hannity & Colmes	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	One Tree Hill 'Hanging by a Moment'	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
3:30 The NewHour With Jim Lehrer	The NewHour With Jim Lehrer	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	One Tree Hill 'Hanging by a Moment'	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
4:30 BET Nightly News	BET Nightly News	BET Nightly News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	The West Wing 'Angel Maintenance'	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
5:30 Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Frontline	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
6:00 Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Frontline	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
6:30 XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Inspector Morse	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
7:00 Play With Me Sesame	60 Minutes II	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	Inspector Morse	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
8:00 Wheel of Fortune	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Nightline	NASCAR Racing	Inspector Morse	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
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14:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Headline News	ESPN News	Inspector Morse	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece
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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Usher has no beef with Timberlake

R&B crooner Usher swears he has no beef with Justin Timberlake.

"I'm not in competition with Justin. I'm not in competition with anyone but myself," he told *The Boston Globe* in Friday's editions. "I'm not looking for that bad-boy image, I'm not a person who goes out looking for trouble."



Usher

It's been suggested that the two singers are less-than-friendly rivals, especially after Timberlake, the former *N Syne* leader, was anointed by *Rolling Stone* magazine as "the new king of Pop" over Usher.

Usher's latest album, "Confessions," has sold more than 5 million copies. Its singles include the infectious dance hit "Yeah!," "Burn" and "Confessions Part II."

"It's not just about a hit record, it's not just the marketing behind an album, it's about the talent, and I go out there and I work hard," he said. "No one can take your spot. If you really work hard, no one can take your spot."

## Oh, Ellen! DeGeneres to play God

Comedian is getting a promotion — to supreme being. DeGeneres will star as God in a remake of the 1977 comedy "Oh, God!" The original starred *George Burns* as the creator and *John Denver* as a supermarket manager tapped as a new prophet.

Jerry Weintraub, who produced the original movie and also will oversee the remake, said he'll hire a screenwriter and director with the aim to shoot the movie during a break in DeGeneres' schedule from her talk show next summer.

Though successful on the small screen, DeGeneres misfired in an earlier transition to film with the romantic-comedy flop "Mr. Wrong." She helped score a hit with her voice work on last year's animated tale "Finding Nemo."



DeGeneres

## Fame 'Feels Like Home' for Jones

Norah Jones says she's finally adjusting to all the attention and all that fame.

Two years after her smash album "Come Away With Me" made her a household name, Jones released "Feels Like Home" and waited for the new wave of hype. Her first album sold 18 million copies and netted eight Grammy Awards. Her latest has sold about five million copies.



Jones

Everywhere she turned, it seemed, her face was on some magazine cover.

"I'm starting to enjoy it finally," the singer-musician told *The Baltimore Sun* in Friday's editions. "In the beginning, it was freaky. I'm just a musician, you know, and all of a sudden I'm supposed to be this star." Jones said she stopped reading articles about herself early on.

"People think I'm really melancholy and romantic and all whispery," she said. "I'm not at all. I'm very direct."

## Author's latest book was a 'batty' idea

Author Jacquelyn Mitchard hates that bats get a bad rap.

"I love bats," said Mitchard, who lives on a farm near Madison, Wis. "Little brown bats, they're my friends. They eat twice their weight in mosquitoes every night."

Her second children's book "Baby Bat's Lullaby" is about a bat who has to convince a child to sleep during the day because it is a nocturnal creature. It was released Tuesday.

After the release of her first children's book, "Starring Prima," Mitchard began thinking about another topic.

"The germ of this idea was planted when we were cleaning the barn for my assistant's wedding," she said. "I found a small bat buried in the hay and held him in my hand for a moment, and saw how sweet and tender it was before it took off flying."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# From silly to serious

## Jamie Foxx makes smooth transition into dramatic acting

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Jamie Foxx is a hero, an idol, an inspiration to a guy like Eric Bishop.

Foxx is the former "In Living Color" comic making his breakthrough as a lead in a drama this year with "Collateral," opposite Tom Cruise, and "Ray," in which he steps behind the dark glasses and glorious smile of the late legend Ray Charles.

Eric Bishop is Jamie Foxx's real name. "Jamie Foxx is the Superman, and Eric Bishop is the Clark Kent," the 36-year-old actor replied, smiling as if he was conveying the coolest secret in the world.

Bishop was the kid from Terrell, Texas, who dreamed of being a star. It almost didn't matter what kind of star: singer, actor, comedian, athlete. The high school football player was good at all those things.

But Jamie Foxx, the one sitting in his luxury bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel, with two solid gold dog tags lined with diamonds hanging from his neck, is the one who made it happen.

He's the brash, clever, ambitious alter-ego who wasn't content to rely on luck. He wasn't even content to rely on his natural talent, at least when it came to getting noticed. Jamie Foxx is the trick name that got him noticed during an open mic night at a club in the early 1990s.

"I wrote down all these unisex names at this comedy place because they would always choose the girls to go up," Foxx recalled. "They picked randomly from a list. So I wrote down Stacy King, Tracy Brown, Jamie Foxx ... And they picked Jamie Foxx. I go up, had a great night and that's how the name stuck."

Foxx is notable for being one of the few comics to make a transition from slapstick to serious.

Foxx says he made the switch by making good impressions on the right people.

Oliver Stone gave him his first dramatic role as a football star in 1999's "Any Given Sunday." When director Michael Mann was casting "Ali," he took Will Smith's advice and cast Foxx as Bundini Brown, Muhammad Ali's manager.

Foxx recounts his casting experience with dead-on impressions of his directors and fellow actors.

He reteamed with Mann for "Collateral," playing a cab driver named Max, who through a cascade of bad luck is forced by Cruise's assassin to drive him around Los Angeles for a string of late-night murders.

"He's the realist, sort of the nerd, the square guy," Foxx said. "Max doesn't necessarily want to be a hero. He just wants it all to go away."

But the story reveals Max as more than just "reluctant accomplice": he's a man with failed dreams — his own high-class limo service, a vacation to a tropical isle — who talks big but never made it happen, and probably never will.

He is, in other words, the exact opposite of Jamie Foxx. "I'm a go-getter, I'm a horse, I'm a dog," the actor said.

Foxx compared working with Cruise to a game of tennis (evidence, again, that his whole mind-set is sports-themed). "You watch Tom Cruise, and he hits the ball back to you," Foxx said. "When you play tennis, there's a rally and a rhythm. ... Here's a guy who is at the top of the food chain and still wants to work. That means you got to burn."

No sooner do the words leave Foxx's lips than Cruise himself throws open the door to the darkened bungalow, grinning the famous Tom Cruise smile and asking, once again, for the CD of Foxx's music — which is now out of print.

"I got that stuff right here," Foxx says, gesturing toward the bedroom.

"I'm shocked," Cruise replies — and looks it. "Every day I'd go bang on his trailer," Cruise said.

"Where's the video?" He says, "Ah, I forgot ... Kids and everybody are telling me Jamie's got these great songs!" ... And I say, "Yeah, he's been TELLING me about it."

Foxx looks both embarrassed and appreciative. He released an album titled "Peep This" in 1994, but now downplays his music interests, saying the pop charts don't have much room for his style. "I wanted to do singing, but I'm glad I didn't. The music thing isn't cracking. R&B singers are dead. Hip-hop killed the R&B singer," Foxx said.

He'll get to show off some of his musical skill when "Ray" opens on Oct. 29. Although he lip-synchs to Charles' voice, the late musician (who died after filming finished) gave him piano lessons for the role.

When asked to talk about "Ray," Foxx barely says a word before Cruise interrupts to praise his dead-on impersonation.

"Let me tell you about 'Ray,'" Cruise says. "When [Foxx] came in and we met — the three of us, with Michael Mann — in about two seconds we said,

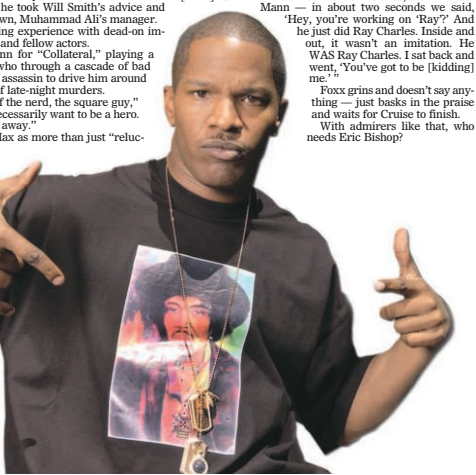
'Hey, you're working on 'Ray'? And he just did Ray Charles. Inside and out, it wasn't an imitation. He WAS Ray Charles. I sat back and went, 'You've got to be [kidding] me.'"

Foxx grins and doesn't say anything — just basks in the praise and waits for Cruise to finish.

With admirers like that, who needs Eric Bishop?

While honing his craft as a comedian, Eric Bishop became Jamie Foxx. He has evolved once again — into Jamie Foxx, dramatic actor, in films such as "Collateral."

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# Horoscope

The key to success during a Capricorn moon is to make sure you're going through the proper channels. This trait is all about respect, tradition and status. Social groups are like delicate systems. There is a hierarchy in every set, no matter how egalitarian the group claims to be. Observe social interaction until you understand how things work.

Joyce Jillion



## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**AUGUST 25.** Love is at the top of your list this year, and you'll receive the selfless care and adoration you project onto others. You're also quite bold this year. You feel free to experiment with your life and try on a new job, location or image in the next three months. By November, you will have completed a transformation. Love signs are Taurus and Cancer.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

The stars reflect back to you what you project to others, especially those casual, daily gestures you wouldn't give a second thought to. Consider what you might be doing that doesn't coincide with the person you are inside.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Don't underestimate the power of influence now. You are quite susceptible to it, and in fact, you're a skillful executor of even the trickiest instructions. Commanding words will move you to amazing feats! You'll learn quickly.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your main question now centers around the word "enough." (Do you have enough? What is enough? When is it ever enough?) Building a reserve in different areas of your life will help ease your mind.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There's a transformation taking place. Something you've been working on for a long time is now happening, and it could make you feel a mix of emotion: awe, fear, excitement and trepidation. In all, a valid response.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

When the 911 Commission proclaimed that one of the government's most costly errors was a "lack of imagination," it pointed out the tremendous importance of this most uniquely human quality. Make use of your fertile imagination now.

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## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You're really in the swing of things. The prevalent feeling this afternoon is one of fondness — it's not dramatic and driving, but you're as comfortable around a special person as you are in an old pair of jeans.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Being a winner at work is simple but not easy. Follow this formula, and you'll soon be in line for a higher position with more pay. Plan what you intend to do, execute concisely, and be relevant to the action at hand.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

As a confident and friend, you may find yourself in a precarious position. Somebody is counting on you to tell the truth or reveal all while another person is counting on you for secrecy. Your choice depends on your character.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Your worst weakness is featured, but it's not as bad as it sounds. This quality or habit also happens to be the key to your strength. If you can stop trying to hide your fault and in fact embrace it, you'll see another side to it.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Your sensitivity is acute — you'll know how people around you are feeling before they know themselves. In fact, you'll be aware of the emotional undercurrents in every situation you encounter. This is especially true at home.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You're dedicated to your relationships, and this loyalty attracts even more friends to your side. People around you may be engaging in unwise behavior, but as your mother used to say, that doesn't mean you have to do as well.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You would love to spend the day in dreamland, but the practical part of you thinks this is a waste of time. Be assured it's not! You've got to fortify your desire to succeed, or you'll lose your motivation in the middle of the project.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



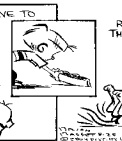
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## Beetle Bailey



## Red and Rover



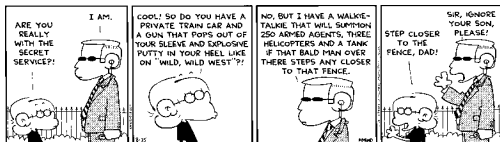
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## Peanuts



Fotrot



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Baby Blues



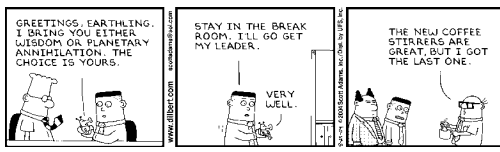
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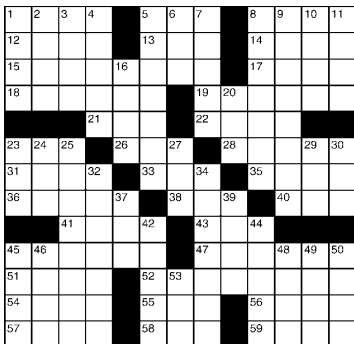
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



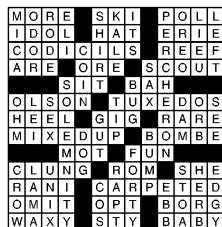
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21 Blond shade  
22 Hula hoop support  
23 Hole-making tool  
26 Raring to go  
28 Beg  
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33 Bad hairpiece  
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55 All the Things You —  
56 Relaxation  
57 Miss Daisy's driver  
58 June honoree

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4 The end  
5 One more  
6 Vast expanse  
7 Sailing vessel  
8 Church tower  
9 Sofa for two  
10 Shakespearean septet  
11 Lion's pride?  
16 Corner-office occupant  
20 Back talk  
23 The whole enchilada  
24 Travel  
25 Languishing  
27 Soaking spot  
29 "Hail, Caesar!"  
30 Hideaway  
32 Fundamental  
34 Striated  
37 Muumuu accessory  
39 Dermatology subject  
42 Dieter's lunch  
44 Adjusted the radio knob  
45 "Poppycock!"  
46 Bread spread  
48 Burn a bit  
49 Start of North Carolina's motto  
50 Brunswick, e.g.  
53 Man-mouse link

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 8-25

## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I MET WITH AND  
TALKED TO A BABY WILDEBEEST TODAY. YOU  
MIGHT SAY I KNEW A NEW GNU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals O

# Man can't keep lid on sex secret

**Dear Abby:** "Lindsey" and I are co-workers. We have known each other nearly 10 years. We slept together on a recent business trip, and I agreed to keep it between us. I didn't keep my promise, and it got back to Lindsey.

She is terribly hurt, and sadly, I can't undo the wrong I've done. As a result, I have lost a friend and will always regret what I did.

Lindsey told me she had denied that anything happened between us to the person who approached her. She asked me to do the same and say that it was all a joke—that I had made up the story about our being together.

But I don't think it's a good idea for me to compound the situation with a lie. I don't see how it would make things better. Should I grant her this favor?

—Mr. Big Mouth in Brooklyn  
Dear Mr. Big: Yes, you could grant her this favor.

Considering the damage you

have done to your friend's reputation by crowing, a little white lie is not too much to ask.

**Dear Abby:** My oldest daughter is being married. Her mother is my ex-wife. My daughter wants me and my new wife to attend the wedding. Her mother says she will not attend if my wife is there. I should point out that my wife and I will be helping out financially. Her mother will be helping out only minimally. Is it appropriate for my new wife to attend with me?

—Father of the Bride in Arizona

**Dear Father:** If your current wife was the reason for your divorce, then your former wife's feelings are understandable. However, since your daughter has stated that she would like your new wife to attend, it is appropriate that she be there. One way you could solve this problem would be for

you and your former wife to be seated as far apart as possible on this special day. I hope she will consider this compromise.

**Dear Abby:** I hired a cleaning lady who came well-recommended. At first I was pleased, as she did what needed to be done.

Now I have discovered that some nice pieces of jewelry are missing. She is the only person, other than my husband of 54 years, who has been in the upstairs of our home. I have no proof that she took these items of jewelry.

How should I handle this?

Mrs. B. in San Francisco

**Dear Mrs. B.:** By all means talk to your housekeeper. Explain that you can't find the missing jewelry. Ask her if she can help you locate it. If they don't turn up, it's time to call the police and file a report.

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Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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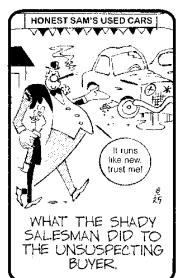
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VERVE THINK GAINED DISMAL  
Answer: A complex recipe can be this — HARD TO "DIGEST"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



WHAT THE SHADY SALESMAN DID TO THE UNSUSPECTING BUYER

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Fiance still speaks with ex-girlfriend

**Dear Annie:** I have been engaged to "Jeff," a terrific man, for eight months. We both have been married before, and between the two of us, we have five children.

The thing that really bothers me is that Jeff stays in touch with his ex-girlfriend, "Elaine," whom he dated on and off for several years after his divorce. He and Elaine had a tumultuous relationship and broke up six months before we met. The reason they couldn't stay together is because she could not deal with his children.

Jeff and I recently bought a house together. I have no reason to distrust him, but I cannot get over the fact that he still talks to Elaine, even though I've told him how I feel. He tells me he will eventually phase her out, but he doesn't want to make an enemy of her. Also, her parents are his clients.

I don't want to be a jealous

Annie's Mailbox



shrew, but I have a hard time knowing my future husband stays in touch with a woman he slept with.

Jeff has been nothing but wonderful, honest and supportive in all other areas, and I don't want to make a mountain out of a molehill, but this weighs on my mind. Is it unreasonable to ask him to stop speaking to her?

—Morristown, N.J.

**Dear Morristown:** It is not unreasonable, but it is unwise.

How often does Jeff speak to Elaine? If it's more than once a week, you can ask him to cut back, but otherwise, leave it alone. You say he is honest and you trust him, plus there are business reasons for remaining cordial. Let Jeff cut the cord his own way. He will appreciate your confidence in him.

**Dear Annie:** I am planning to marry "Bob" next year. His family is quite wealthy, and mine

is not. We don't want a lavish wedding—something simple, yet memorable.

My parents are not able to pay for everything, and I feel Bob's family could contribute more. However, they have not offered, and I don't know how to approach them. I already feel out-of-place with my in-laws because of the financial disparity between our families. Please tell me how to handle this. My parents are in dire straits.

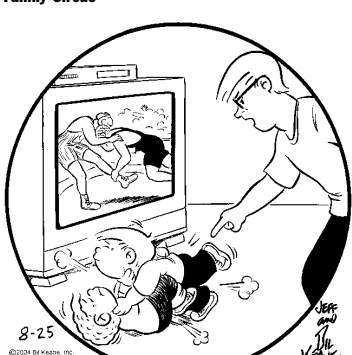
—Bride in Alabama

**Dear Bride:** First, scale back your wedding plans so your parents don't have to go into debt. Then, discuss the finances with your fiancé. It is not unusual these days for both sets of parents to split the cost of a wedding. If Bob thinks his parents might be willing to pay for more, He should be the one to approach them.

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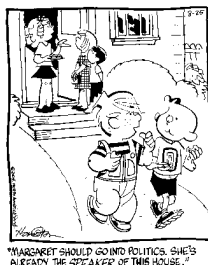
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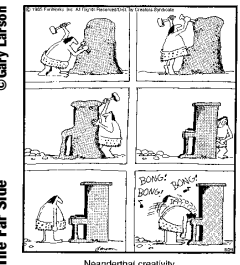
"Knock it off! Olympic wrestlers don't use the strangle hold."



Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



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## Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	47	.621	—
Boston	70	53	.569	6½
Baltimore	57	66	.463	19½
Tampa Bay	57	68	.456	20½
Toronto	53	72	.424	24½

Central Division				
Minnesota	70	54	.565	—
Cleveland	63	63	.500	8
Chicago	60	62	.492	9
Detroit	59	65	.476	11
Kansas City	44	78	.361	25
West Division				
Oakland	71	53	.573	—
Anaheim	71	54	.568	½

Texas	69	54	.561	1½
Seattle	46	77	.374	24½

**Monday's games**

Toronto 3, Boston 0  
N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 4  
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 0  
Minnesota 7, Texas 4  
Tampa Bay 9, Seattle 0  
Anaheim 9, Kansas City 4  
Oakland 4, Baltimore 3

Monday's games			
Toronto, 3 Baltimore	W	5-4	1
N.Y. Yankees & Cleveland	4	3	0
Chicago White Sox & St. Louis	W	5-4	1
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Wednesday's games			
Boston (Schilling 15-9) at Toronto	W	5-4	1
N.Y. Yankees (Henderson 5-0) at Cleveland	W	5-4	1
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-7) at Detroit	W	5-4	1
Minnesota (Lohse 6-10) at Texas	W	5-4	1
Tampa Bay (Sosa 3-3) at Seattle	W	5-4	1

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Milwaukee & San Francisco	W	5-4	1
San Diego & Los Angeles	W	5-4	1
Houston & Arizona	W	5-4	1

Tuesday's games			
Atlanta & Philadelphia	W	5-4	1
Pittsburgh & St. Louis	W	5-4	1
Chicago & Cincinnati	W	5-4	1
Milwaukee & San Francisco	W	5-4	1
San Diego & Los Angeles	W	5-4	1
Houston & Arizona	W	5-4	1

Wednesday's games			
Atlanta & Philadelphia	W	5-4	1
Pittsburgh & St. Louis	W	5-4	1
Chicago & Cincinnati	W	5-4	1
Milwaukee & San Francisco	W	5-4	1
San Diego & Los Angeles	W	5-4	1
Houston & Arizona	W	5-4	1

Thursday's games			
Atlanta & Philadelphia	W	5-4	1
Pittsburgh & St. Louis	W	5-4	1
Chicago & Cincinnati	W	5-4	1
Milwaukee & San Francisco	W	5-4	1
San Diego & Los Angeles	W	5-4	1
Houston & Arizona	W	5-4	1

Friday's games			
Atlanta & Philadelphia	W	5-4	1
Pittsburgh & St. Louis	W	5-4	1
Chicago & Cincinnati	W	5-4	1
Milwaukee & San Francisco	W	5-4	1
San Diego & Los Angeles	W	5-4	1
Houston & Arizona	W	5-4	1

# Rivers, Chargers finally reach deal

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — Rookie quarterback Philip Rivers ended his lengthy holdout, agreeing to terms on a six-year contract with the San Diego Chargers on Monday night.

The contract will pay Rivers \$40.5 million, including a \$14.25 million signing bonus. He can earn \$10 million more in incentives.

Chargers General Manager A.J. Smith said Rivers was drawn to the team's training camp from San Diego and was expected to sign the contract late Monday or early Tuesday.

"This is a fair deal for both Philip and the Chargers," Smith said. "We're just happy to have the negotiations behind us and a bright future ahead for Philip, the Chargers and all Charger fans. We're looking forward to getting him on the field and ready for the 2004 season."

Rivers, taken by the New York Giants with the No. 4 pick in this year's draft, was acquired by Chargers in the deal that sent quarterback Eli Manning to New York. Manning was selected by

San Diego with the No. 1 overall pick.

Rivers missed four weeks of training camp and two preseason games.

The 6-foot-5 Rivers is unlikely to get the starting job immediately. In his absence, three-year veteran Drew Brees has performed well and will likely lead the team at the start of the season.

In addition to Brees, the Chargers have three other quarterbacks on the roster, including free agent Joe Germaine and Cleo Lemon, the team's No. 3 quarterback last season. Doug Flutie was sidelined after having surgery on his left knee but is now practicing with the team.

Rivers was a four-year starter at North Carolina State, and was the MVP of all five bowl games he played in during college, including the Senior Bowl.

He set an NCAA record with 51 career starts and is the second-leading passer in NCAA history with 13,484 yards. He completed 72 percent of his passes last year, with 34 touchdowns.

In four seasons, he threw 95 TD passes and completed 64 percent of his attempts.

## Carter signs with Jets

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Quarterback Quincy Carter signed with the New York Jets on Tuesday, three weeks after his surprising release by Dallas.

Carter, who started every game for the Cowboys last season, was released Aug. 4, before the team's first exhibition game. Reports said he failed a drug test and the NFL Players Association has filed a request for arbitration in the case.

Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, told The Associated Press that the NFLPA will continue to press the case.

"We have to," he said, adding that "part of the grievance involves potential salary loss to Carter."

With the Jets, Carter will back up Chad Pennington, giving the team an experienced second-round starter. Neither of the other two quarterbacks, second-year man Brooks Bollinger nor Ricky Ray, who played in the Canadian Football League, has ever taken an NFL snap.

Carter, a second-round draft choice by the Cowboys in 2001, started all 31 games in which he played for Dallas, including 17 last season — 16 in the regular season and one in the playoffs. In his career, he has 507 completions in 902 attempts for 5,839 yards with 29 touchdowns and 36 interceptions.

**Vikings add Ross to CB corps**

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Cornerback Derek Ross, who tied for the NFL rookie lead in interceptions two years ago, was signed



on Tuesday by the Minnesota Vikings.

New Orleans was the latest team to waive Ross, a third-round pick by Dallas in 2002. Ross started nine games that season and had five interceptions. He also returned kicks.

The Saints let the former Ohio State player go after he missed a plane and failed to report on time.

He was released by Dallas in December and was signed by Atlanta, where he played two games.

Brian Williams, one of Minnesota's starting cornerbacks, has a sprained knee and may not play in the Sept. 12 opener.

**Patriots release FB McCrary**

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots released veteran fullback Fred McCrary on Tuesday.

Primarily a blocking back, the seven-year veteran joined New England before last season, starting three games before he was sidelined with a season-ending leg injury.

The 6-foot, 247-pound fullback was a sixth-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Eagles out of Mississippi State in 1995.

He signed with the San Diego Chargers in 1999 and started 55 of 63 games in the next four seasons.

In his career, the 31-year-old McCrary has 105 career receptions for 598 yards and six touchdowns.



Seahawks team physician Dr. Stan Herring checks the broken lower left leg of linebacker Chad Brown.

## Raiders don't think Woodson will be ready to play in opener

The Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Charles Woodson's holdout will probably keep the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback out of the Oakland Raiders' season opener.

New Raiders coach Norv Turner expressed doubt Monday that Woodson, who is still away from the team, would be able to play when the Raiders start the season at Pittsburgh on Sept. 12. Turner said Sunday that he believed Woodson would be with the team before the preseason ended. But there likely won't be enough time for Woodson to get up to speed with Oakland's new defense in time for the season opener.

"Obviously the longer it goes the harder it is," Turner said. "I've been in situations where a guy came in [and] in a week and could contribute and play. But that was a situation where the guy had been in the same system and knew the calls, knew everything."

"Obviously when Charles gets here it's going to be harder. It's all new for him."

Woodson, tagged in February as Oakland's franchise player, has been unhappy with his current contract status and is reportedly seeking a long-term deal that would make him the highest paid cornerback in the NFL. He has refused to sign the team's one-year tender that would pay him \$8.7 million.

Neither Woodson, his agents, nor Raiders senior personnel executive Mike Lombardi could be reached for comment on Monday.

Turner has said repeatedly this preseason that he expects Woodson to be in uniform when the regular season begins but admitted Monday he has not spoken with the cornerback recently.

Oakland is switching from its traditional 4-3 defense to a 3-4 look under first-year defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, and Woodson has yet to be exposed to it. He did not take part in any of the team's offseason workouts or minicamps and has remained at



his home in Houston where he was reportedly working out with a private trainer.

While the Raiders wait on their top defender, several other teams lost key players to injuries.

Seattle Seahawks' three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Chad Brown broke his left leg during practice Monday. And Baltimore lost center Mike Flynn, who started all but one game since 2000.

Coach Mike Holmgren said Brown will undergo surgery as soon as possible and is expected to miss at least four regular-season games. He was hurting his feet tangled with tight end Ina Maki during a practice drill.

Flynn broke his right collarbone early in the Ravens' practice session. He was part of the unit that helped Jamal Lewis run for 2,066 yards last season, second-highest total in NFL history.

New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks, who missed the first preseason game, will probably miss the third as well. He re-injured a ligament in the top of his thigh against the Packers. On Monday he was sore and back where he was when he first hurt himself.

Brooks said he doubted he would do much this week in practice or in the game.

"I think it's best for me to rest it and try to get the treatment I need so I can start getting ready for Seattle," Brooks said. "That's right around the corner."

Meanwhile, Vikings receiver Marcus Robinson will miss Minnesota's two remaining preseason games to rest his problematic left hamstring.

Robinson, who signed a four-year, \$9.4 million deal in March to be the Vikings' No. 2 receiver, left practice after tweaking the hamstring.

The same injury, officially diagnosed as a strain, forced him to

miss nearly half the team's padded practices in training camp, as well as Saturday's preseason loss in Atlanta.

Jaguars running back Fred Taylor will miss Friday's preseason game with Green Bay because of a strained foot, Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio said Monday night.

"He's got a little strain in his foot. It just needs to calm down," Del Rio said. "It's the kind of pain that with rest goes away. There's no sense in him going out and tweaking that or because he's feeling that, that it would lead to something else that would be a disaster."

"Our goal is to get him ready for [the season opener] Sept. 12," he added.

Taylor has had injury problems throughout his career. He missed 23 games between 1999 and 2001 with various injuries, but has not missed a regular season start the past two seasons.

Bills running back Travis Henry is listed as day-to-day, opening the door for Willis McGahee to get his chance to be the Buffalo starter.

Henry missed practice on Monday with bruised ribs. While Henry's injury is not described as severe, coach Mike Mulaney said he could keep him from playing in Buffalo's preseason game at Indianapolis on Saturday as a precaution.

"It's not official, but I'm not going to push him to play if there's any pain at all," Mulaney said. "I'd maybe have a different answer if we were in the regular season. But I'm not going to push that right now. It's just to get him back full strength."

Both Henry and McGahee have said they want to start. And questions intensified last week when The Associated Press, citing a source close to McGahee, reported the player has asked to be traded if he's not the starter on opening day.

The Bills have maintained that Henry is the starter and McGahee will get his share of carries as the backup.

# California reaches U.S. semis

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

**SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.** — Sideline curbsells, regular batters and even some backhanded balls. No matter the direction or the spin, Jordan Browner was nearly unimpeachable.

Browner struck out eight and knocked in the winning run to lead Thousand Oaks, Calif., into the United States semifinals with a 3-1 victory over Lincoln, R.I., in the Little League World Series on Tuesday.

In other games Tuesday: Curacao played Saipan; Canada played Poland; Richmond, Texas, met Preston, Md.; Panama faced Taiwan; and Redmond, Wash., played Owensboro, Ky.

Browner (1-0) settled down after a shaky first inning, retiring 10 straight and looking dominant against a Rhode Island team playing about 12 hours after a 5-4 loss to Morganton, N.C.



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**Damon Divozzi (9) of Lincoln, R.I. advances to second on a first-inning single by teammate Jeremy Rhault as Tyler Karp of Thousand Oaks, Calif., takes the relay throw Tuesday in South Williamsport, Pa. Thousand Oaks beat Lincoln 3-1 to advance to the U.S. semifinals.**

"I just came out and threw strikes," Browner said.

Did he ever. Forty-five of his 59 pitches were strikes. Browner walked none and Rhode Island batters in the late innings were taking weak cuts.

Cody Thomson struck out one in the sixth and earned his first save.

California snapped a 1-all tie in the third, capitalizing on some sloppy play. After Rhode Island starter Chris Costantino (1-1) retired the first two batters, he allowed a single to Sean McIntyre. McIntyre advanced to second when center fielder Damon Divozzi misplayed the ball.

Pinch-runner Adam Justiniano scooted to third on a wild pitch and scored on Browner's opposite-field single to left.

With two outs in the fifth, Leon singled, but ended up on third after a two-base error by right fielder Steve Ricci. Leon scored on a passed ball, making it 3-1. Costantino allowed three runs — only one earned — and struck out nine in five innings.

In Monday's games:

**California 10, Iowa 0:** Sean McIntyre struck out eight, then drove in the game-winning run as California (2-0) routed Devonport (Iowa) Northwest 10-0, in five innings. The loss eliminated Iowa (0-3) from playoff consideration.

**Mexico 6, Saipan 3:** Oscar Garza and Esmel Garcia each hit a home run for Mexico, which finished play 2-1. R-Jay Joe homered for Saipan (0-2).

**Curacao 6, Saudi Arabia 1:** Jurickson Profar struck out six batters to lead Curacao (2-0) into Wednesday's International semifinal round.

**North Carolina 5, Rhode Island 4:** Chris Fine hit a two-run homer and Eli Lawson also homered to lead Morganton, Trevor Tallent earned the win, allowing three hits and two runs in four innings. Alex Kay took the loss for Rhode Island.

**Taiwan 7, Canada 2:** Chao Wei-Sheng and Chen Hung-Ta combined to drive in four runs for Taiwan. Chi-Hung capped the scoring for Taiwan with a run-out solo homer in the fourth inning.

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# Bryant case jogs pool moves into spotlight

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON  
The Associated Press

**DENVER** Residents of Eagle County are a diverse lot — 23 percent Hispanic, 0.3 percent black. Forty-three percent of them are college graduates. And attorneys in the Kobe Bryant rape case would love to know what they are thinking right now.

Summonses went out last month ordering 999 potential jurors from the county to show up for duty this Friday, with opening statements not expected until Sept. 7.

So, how to find an impartial jury in a case that has been in the news for more than a year and included headlines about the accuser's sex life and Bryant's hospital exam?

Jury consultant Joseph Rice of the Jury Research Institute in Westlake, Calif., said some jurors might be so turned off by the tawdry details they won't know who to blame and might try to apply their own values to the case. Prosecutors and defense attorneys will try to eliminate those candidates before the trial begins.

"Some may want to blame Kobe and say it must be rape because a normal person wouldn't do this," Rice said. "Others might say 'Look at her, she asked for it.' This trial has layers upon layer of issues."

If convicted of felony sexual assault, Bryant, 26, faces four years in life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said he had consented to the sex with the woman, 24, at a Vail-area resort last year.

Eagle County residents mirror the nation in some respects: The population is 74.2 percent white, just ahead of the national figure of 69.1 percent, and it is 45.2 percent female (50.9 percent nationally).

But they are better educated than the general public (only 24.4 percent of the U.S. population holds at least a bachelor's degree) and the county's median household income is nearly \$62,700 (\$42,000 nationally). They have a median age of 31.

Igdi D'Andrea, a jury consultant for Bonora D'Andrea of San Francisco, said recent mistakes in the case may force the judge to allow more questioning of potential jurors.

Among the mistakes: Courtroom staff have twice posted the accuser's name on a state court Web site and the judge lost a battle with the media and released nearly 200 pages of documents from a closed hearing on the woman's sexual activities.

"It's really hard to unring the bell that that ball has been rung, and ask people to forget what they've heard," D'Andrea said.

Both sides are expected to see if potential jurors are prejudiced by the fact that Bryant is black and the alleged victim is white and whether they believe a rich basketball player thought he didn't have to play by the rules.

Rice said attorneys are wary about putting women on a rape case jury because they can be hostile or sympathetic to the victim. Rice said women are quick to blame the victim and look for faults, from their dress to their behavior. "Feminists are going to be the worst for women," Rice said.

# U.S. beats Canada in hockey exhibition

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That's the night before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires. A lockout that threatens next season is a distinct possibility.

**Stanley Cup temporarily missing in luggage mishap**

**FORT ST. JOHN, British Columbia** — The Stanley Cup spent Sunday night in luggage limbo. The trophy disappeared during an Air Canada flight from Vancouver to Fort St. John over the weekend when Vancouver airline officials removed it from the plane because of weight restrictions.

Walter Neudrand, keeper of the Cup, was delivering the trophy to Jake Goertzen, head scout for the Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning.

As they waited by the baggage carousel, it didn't take long for them to realize something was wrong.

"We were waiting for it to come out," Goertzen said. "Everybody's bag was there, except the Cup."

Air Canada agents checked the plane but there was no sign of the Cup or its travel container. After a call to Vancouver, where they learned the 35-pound Cup was sitting in the Vancouver airport's

luggage area 750 miles away. It was too heavy to fly.

Air Canada spokeswoman Laura Cooke said the Cup was held in a secured facility overnight and flown to Fort St. John to be "placed in its rightful hands" early Monday. Cooke said the airline is reviewing how the mistake occurred.

**Bucks re-sign Kucuk**

**MILWAUKEE** — The Milwaukee Bucks on Monday re-signed forward Tony Kucuk after two productive seasons with the team. Kucuk, acquired from the Atlanta Hawks after the 2002 season for forward Glenn Robinson, averaged 9.9 points, 3.9 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game in two seasons for Milwaukee.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

**Crew, Sannhe agree to deal**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The Columbus Crew agreed to terms Monday with German coach Hansi Sannhe on a multiyear contract.

The Crew were awaiting final international clearance from Sannhe's club in Germany, FC Nurnberg, to complete the deal, team spokesman Jeff Wuerth said.

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Golden sands for Mays, Walsh

## U.S. women blast Brazil in beach volleyball final

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Misty May and Kerri Walsh made it look easy in the end.

The top-ranked American beach volleyball pair defeated second-seeded Brazilians Shelda Bede and Adriana Behar 21-17, 21-11 on Tuesday night, capping the most dominant run in the sport's history with a gold medal.

Earlier, Americans Holly McPeak and Elaine Youngs won the bronze medal, beating Australia's Natalie Cook and Nicole Sanderson 21-18, 15-21, 15-9.

May and Walsh didn't drop a set in Athens, with the 6-foot-3 Walsh dominating at the net and the quick May scrambling and diving for every dig.

On match point in a surprisingly lopsided final, Walsh hammered a spike just inside in the line. Walsh fell to her knees as May ran to embrace her. They raced to the stands and grabbed American flags as "Born in the USA" blared over the speakers at the Olympics' rowdiest venue.

May and Walsh have been gold-medal favorites since last year, when they won a 15-tournament winning streak.

The streak ended in June, the

week after May pulled an abdominal muscle. May spent most of the summer rehabbing, while Walsh continued to hone her game with other partners.

May's injury cast doubt on the pair's Olympic hopes, but they never showed signs of weakness. They were untouchable in Athens, improving to 108-0 over the past two years.

May and Walsh were invited to a post-Olympics party at McPeak's home in California, where 10 bottles of Dom Perignon await. The toasts will taste especially sweet to McPeak, who finished fifth at the Olympics in both 1996 and 2000, repeatedly set back by injuries to her partner.

Youngs played on the U.S. indoor team that finished a disappointing seventh in Atlanta. She hit the beach the following year and paired with McPeak in 2002 with Athens on her mind.

The bronze medal completed a historic year for the 35-year-old McPeak, who became the sport's winningest female player with a victory at Manhattan Beach in June.

## Cycling

**Men's points race:** Colby Pearce finished in 14th place as America continued its struggles in cycling.

## Medals roundup

Mikhail Ignatyev, a relatively unknown 19-year-old Russian, lapped the field four times and finished the race with 93 points to collect his nation's first cycling gold medal of the Games.

Defending gold medalist and three-time world champion Joan Llaneras of Spain was second, and Germany's Guido Fuhr took third.

Fuhr finished the 24.8-mile race with 23 points.

"It was a great experience to be here," Pearce said. "I'm not going to let the fact that I didn't medal ruin that."

**Men's sprint:** Australia's Ryan Bayley won the gold medal by beating world champion Theo Bos of the Netherlands.

**Women's sprint:** Lori-Anne Muenzer became the first Canadian to claim a cycling gold medal at the Olympics.

## Diving

**Men's 3-meter springboard:** Peng Bo held out Canadian teenager Alexandre Despatie and four-time Olympian Dmitri Sautin of Russia to give the Chinese



USA's Holly McPeak returns a spike during Tuesday's match against Australia. McPeak and partner Elaine Youngs won the bronze medal in three sets.

men their third straight gold medal in the event.

Overall, the Chinese have won four diving golds in Athens, putting them in position to equal or beat their five golds from 2000.

## Weightlifting

**Men's 105kg:** Ferenc Gyurkovics of Hungary set an Olympic record by raising 429 pounds (195kg) in the snatch on his way to the silver medal.

Dmitri Boristov of Russia took the gold medal with a total of 935 pounds (425kg), 11 pounds (5kg) more than Gyurkovics in the overall competition.

## Monday's results

## Track and field

- Men**  
400  
1. Jeremy Warner, Grand Prairie, Texas, 4:46.16  
2. Denis Harris Jr., Columbia, S.C., 4:45.36  
3. J. R. Rodgers, Raleigh, N.C., 4:45.32  
4. Alexandre Simeoni, France, 4:45.32  
5. Brandon Simpson, Jamaica, 4:47.6  
6. Davian Clarke, Jamaica, 4:48.3  
7. Leslie Digne, France, 4:49.4  
8. Michael Blackwood, Jamaica, 4:55.5  
**Women**  
200  
1. Robert Fazekas, Lithuania, 23:28.8  
2. Virgilijus Alekna, Lithuania, 23:29.1  
3. Tamas Kovacs, Hungary, 23:40.1  
4. Vassily Kapryukh, Belarus, 23:40.1  
5. Terence Kruger, South Africa, 23:40.1  
6. Casey Malone, Fort Collins, Colo., 23:41.1  
7. Earl Miles, Clark, Knoxville, Tenn., 23:41.1  
8. Luis Riedel, Germany, 23:40.1  
9. Kelly Holmes, Britain, 1:56.38  
10. Beate Bani, Morocco, 1:56.43  
11. Yelena Zolotareva, Russia, 1:56.52  
12. Jolanda Ceplak, Slovenia, 1:56.48  
13. Maria Mutiu, Mozambique, 1:56.51  
14. Tatyana Andrianova, Russia, 1:56.43  
15. Sun Yujie, China, 1:56.52  
16. Maria Cioncan, Romania, 1:56.52  
17. Laila Kullback, Austria, 1:56.52  
18. Meseret Darg, Ethiopia, 1:45.05  
19. Yelena Zolotareva, Russia, 1:45.16  
20. Trish Doherty, Ireland, 1:45.16  
21. Yelena Zolotareva, Russia, 1:45.16  
22. J. R. Rodgers, Raleigh, N.C., 1:45.16  
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## Men's soccer

## Tuesday, Aug. 24

## Semi-finals

## Paraguay 3, Italy 0

## Friday, Aug. 27

## Bronze Medal

## Italy vs. Iraq

## Saturday, Aug. 28

## Gold Medal

## Italy vs. Paraguay

## U.S. Olympic Stadium

## Argentina vs. Paraguay

## Women's water polo

## Thursday, Aug. 26

## Bronze Medal

## United States vs. Australia

## Italy vs. Greece

## Weightlifting

## Men

## 2,000-500

## 1. Dmitry Boristov, Russia, 2:10:50-430

## 2. Ferenc Gyurkovics, Hungary, 1:56:40-415

## 3. J. R. Rodgers, Raleigh, N.C., 1:56:40-415

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Hurdler Hayes, decathlete Sebrle set Olympic marks

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Joanna Hayes was the surprise gold medalist in the 100-meter hurdles tripped over her favorite Perdita Felicien tripped over the first hurdle and did not finish the race Tuesday night.

Hayes screamed, raised her arms in the air and then covered her mouth in shock after crossing the finish line first in 12.37 seconds, an Olympic record. She then fell to the track before running to the stands to accept congratulations.

Olena Krasovska of Ukraine won silver in 12.45 and Melissa Morrison of the United States was third in 12.56.

The old Olympic record of 12.38 was set by Bulgaria's Yordanka Donkova eight years ago. Felicien, a Canadian and the

## Track and field

Shvechenko — sending both sprawling to the track. Felicien walked off in disgust, then sat on the track and watched with a grimace as Hayes and Morrison took a victory lap wrapped in American flags.

**Decathlon:** Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic added the Olympic gold medal — and the Olympic mark — to his world record by completing a come-from-behind victory. Sebrle clocked 8,893 points over the grueling two-day event to break Daley Thompson's 20-year-old Olympic record of 8,847.

reigning world champion, hit the first hurdle and stumbled into Russia's championship.

The Czech, who holds the world record at 9,026, finally captured his first major title after taking silver four years ago in Sydney and finishing second in last year's Olympic championship.

The other two medalists also set records. Bryan Clay of the United States set a personal best 8,820 for the silver and Dmitry Karpov of Kazakhstan set an Asian record at 8,725 for the bronze.

Sebrle climbed his way from fourth and took the lead only after the javelin, the ninth of the 10 events.

Clay also climbed to second after the javelin, while Karpov lost the lead and dropped to third.

World champion Tom Pappas injured his left foot in the pole vault and withdrew from the competition.

The injury occurred as the American ran down the runway in his first vault attempt — at 15 feet, 1 inch. Pappas ran through to the pit, then walked to a nearby grassy area and sat down.

He pulled off his left shoe and

suck, then ripped through tape and began rubbing the bottom of his foot.

Pappas left the infield to have the foot rewrapped, then returned to the track, testing the foot, first in running shoes, then in spikes. He passed on the next height but decided not to continue after talking to coaches.

Pappas, in fifth place through seven events, put his poles away, grabbed his gear bag and limped off the field. After about an hour in the medical treatment room beneath the stadium, he left.

An American of Greek heritage, Pappas was expected to be a star of the Athens Games. A Greek bank paid for his family to come to Athens to watch him compete.

**Women's 400 meters:** Tonique Williams-Darling of the Bahamas won the gold in 49.41 seconds, beating world champion Ana Guevara of Mexico.

Guevara ran a season-best 49.56 for silver, while Russian Natalya Antukh took bronze in 49.89. The United States was shut

out of a medal, one night after sweeping to victory in the men's 400.

**Men's 3,000-meter steeplechase:** Ezekiel Kemboi led a Kenyan sweep, winning gold in 8 minutes 5.81 seconds.

Brimin Kiprop got silver in 8:06.11, and Paul Koech won bronze in 8:06.64. Kemboi finished for his countrymen at the finish line, and the three embraced.

Kemboi won silver in the world championships last year after misreading the lap counter, thinking there were two laps remaining instead of five. He also plays forward on his local soccer team.

**Men's 5,000 meters:** Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco won the gold medal in a time of 3:34.18.

Bernard Lagat of Kenya got the silver medal at 3:34.30. Rui Silva of Portugal won the bronze at 3:34.68.

**Men's 200 quarterfinals:** Justin Gatlin, aiming for the Olympic sprint double after winning the 100, easily cleared the first two heats of the 200, along with the other two Americans.

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## Iraq soccer team beaten by Paraguay

BY DAVID CRARY

The Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece — The Iraqi soccer team's improbable run at an Olympic gold medal ended Tuesday night with a 3-1 semifinal loss to Paraguay. The Iraqis still have a chance for a bronze, which would be their war-weary nation's first medal in 44 years.

Paraguay made history of its own, getting two goals from Jose Cardozo and one from Freddy Barreto to advance to Saturday's gold-medal game against Argentina.

na, a 3-0 winner over Italy. Gold or silver, it will be the first Olympic medal of any sort for Paraguay.

Iraq and Italy will play for the bronze Friday night.

Just qualifying for the Olympics was a feat for the Iraqis, who have been unable to play home games since war began in March 2003.

They clinched a berth in May, just three months after their country was reinstated by the International Olympic Committee.

The team's first-round victories over Portugal and Costa Rica

and quarterfinal win over Australia enchanted fans worldwide and gave beleaguered Iraqi citizens a rare cause for unified jubilation. Players said they were inspired by the support from home, but also sobered by knowledge of their compatriots' hardships.

The Iraqis played with pluck, forcing Paraguay goalkeeper Diego Barreto to make several acrobatic saves. But they could not contain Cardozo, at 34 of the oldest players in the tournament.

A bronze medal won by an Iraqi weightlifter in 1960 is the only medal in the country's history.

## Hungarian stripped of gold medal in men's discus for doping violation

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The Hungarian gold medalist in the men's discus was stripped of his title Tuesday for failing to provide a drug test sample in an apparent attempt to beat the screening system.

Robert Fazekas, who won the discus on Monday night with an Olympic record throw of 232 feet, 8 inches, was disqualified from the competition and expelled from the Games by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

He is the second athlete in two days to lose a gold medal for doping. Russian shot putter Irina Korzhennikova's gold was revoked Monday after she tested positive for steroids.

In another case Tuesday in the drug-tainted Games, Belarusian high jumper Aleksey Lesnichy was kicked out after testing posi-

tive for the steroid clenbuterol, the IOC said. He failed to clear a height in Friday's qualifying round.

Fazekas never got to wear the gold medal because the award ceremony wasn't held until Tuesday night. The title went instead to Lithuania's Virgilijus Alekna, who had finished second in a throw of 229 feet, 3 inches. Another Hungarian, Zoltan Kovacs, was bumped from bronze to silver. Fourth-place finisher Aleksander Tammert of Estonia moved to third.

## Greek judo champion dies two weeks after fall

ATHENS, Greece — A member of the Greek judo team who fell from her third-floor apartment balcony following a quarrel with her boyfriend has died.

Eleni Ioannu had been hospitalized in critical condition for more than two weeks.

The Red Cross hospital said Ioannu, 20, died in the intensive care unit where she had been treated since Aug. 7 for multiple fractures to her head and body.

Ioannu, a competitor in the 172-pound-plus class, fell from the balcony after an argument with her boyfriend, 24-year-old Giorgos Christodimitrakidis.

Police questioned Christodimitrakidis and released him. Relatives and neighbors said he was inconsolable, and jumped from the same balcony two days later. He remains hospitalized in critical condition at Athens' Evangelismos hospital.

## Tremor felt in Athens

ATHENS, Greece — A small earthquake rattled some Olympic venues Tuesday. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## U.S. men draw toughest test

## Undefeated Spain awaits Team USA in quarters

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When a day of drama had ended and the quarterfinal pairings were set, the news was not great for the United States.

In order to get to the semifinals and possibly the gold medal game, first the U.S. will have to defeat Spain — the team that left the widest wake of impressed and defeated opponents during the preliminary round.

"I don't know anything about that," Tim Duncan said of Spain after the Americans cruised past Angola 89-53 to finish the opening round with a record of 3-1. Here's the scoop, Timmy: The Spaniards have finesse yet are physical, they're led by an NBA player who's tougher than he looks, and they usually shoot three-pointers the same way your teammates do — not all that well.

Spain's players had an opportunity Monday to take it easy against New Zealand, lose a game and thereby knock Serbia-Montenegro out of medal contention. Instead, they banged bodies as though it was a wrestling match, won by four points and left Serbia-Montenegro self-destruct later in the day, when China defeated the defending world champions 67-66 and advance to the quarterfinals while relegating Serbia-Montenegro to the 11th place game against Russia.

Thursday's other quarterfinals match Lithuania-China, Italy-Puerto Rico, and Greece-Armenia.



Forward Pau Gasol, who plays for the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies, averaged 16.2 points and 7.6 rebounds a game for Spain (5-0) in the preliminary round.

"We went out and tried to get the victory for the respect of the competition, the respect of our rivals and the respect of ourselves," Spain coach Mario Pesquera said. "There's also an other important factor: When you have a winning streak like we have, it's a little dangerous to break it."

Spain (5-0) won all of its tuneup games before the Olympics, and the Americans would be ill-advised to underestimate them.

"Spain dominated our group," New Zealand coach Tab Baldwin said. "I think any team going against Spain has probably got to be considered an underdog."

The Americans are likely to learn that you can't spell "Spain" without "pain."

In a game marked by hard fouls and confrontations, Spain's Carlos Jimenez made two free throws for a four-point lead with 12.4 seconds left after an intentional foul on New Zealand's Dillon Boucher, who violently threw Jimenez to the floor.

The intentional foul allowed Spain to retain possession, and the four-point lead was key as Pau Gasol — who plays for the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies — missed a pair of free throws with 9 seconds left.

The Americans' game couldn't have been more different.

Duncan scored a team-high 15 points in only 13 minutes, and the U.S. dominated the boards in Barcelona-style with a 52-17 edge in rebounding.

"The only negative, I thought, was we turned the ball over a lot (12 times) in the first half, which has plagued us a lot in this tournament," coach Larry Brown said.

The U.S. lost to Puerto Rico and Lithuania in the opening round and defeated Greece, Australia and Angola. Under point differential tiebreakers, the U.S. finished fourth in its group behind Greece (3-2) and Puerto Rico (3-2).

"I'm really confident in the way we've been playing," Duncan said. "We wish we could have won some more and played better against Lithuania and all that good stuff, but we didn't, and we're in the position we're in right now, and we're happy with where we're at."



Cuban super heavyweight Jason Estrada, right, receives a blow from U.S. boxer Michel Lopez Nunez during the quarterfinals at the Peristeri boxing hall in Athens on Monday. Lopez Nunez won the match. Only two boxers from the nine-member U.S. team are still competing.

## USA boxing team taking a beating

## Estrada pummeled in lackluster effort

BY GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Jason Estrada shrugged his shoulders and attempted to convince his questioners that an embarrassing Olympic loss was no big deal.

His coach stared at the ground a few feet away, pondering everything that's wrong with U.S. amateur boxing.

Cuban super heavyweight Michel Lopez Nunez pounded Estrada 21-7 in their quarterfinal bout Monday night, leaving just two U.S. fighters alive in the nation's worst showing in the Olympics in 56 years.

Estrada's collapse was the latest disappointment for coach Basheer Abdullah, who arrived in Athens hoping to restore the American program's reputation. The United States' one-time dominance of Olympic boxing has eroded due to inexperienced teams, computer judging standards and the lure of pro contracts.

Perhaps Estrada already had dollar signs in his eyes when he started slow and got slower in the biggest fight of his career.

Despite Abdullah's warnings against timid starts, Estrada seemed reluctant to mix it up with Lopez Nunez.

The American team's fastest boxer eventually resorted to holding — a strategy that garnered boos, but certainly not a victory. With six seconds to go, Lopez Nunez broke Estrada's embrace and shoved him limply against the ropes.

The 261-pound Estrada was finished, and he didn't seem to care — a fact he confirmed a few moments later.

"If I'm going to lose, I'm going to lose getting hit as little as possible," said Estrada, from Providence, R.I. "I'd rather not get hit at all. This is long-term. This is

just one part of my life. There's a lot more boxing to go."

Along with most of his teammates, Estrada will turn pro soon. He fancies himself a future heavyweight contender — but to Abdullah, the coach of the U.S. Army's boxing team, Estrada doesn't sound like a champ.

"It discouraged me. I'm disappointed that he had that type of attitude," Abdullah said. "Somehow we have to find a way to make athletes take pride in representing the United States. (Heavyweight contender) Vassily Jirov said it best: Our biggest enemy is our money."

"When you've got somebody offering you a pro contract, that blinds you from representing your country and taking pride in it. Think about it: You're taking a kid out of the ghetto and offering him X millions of dollars (instead of the pride of representing the United States) Come on."

On Sunday night, American heavyweight Devin Vargas cried after losing his quarterfinal bout on a sprained left knee. Seven Americans have lost in the past six days, but only Estrada claimed to be unwounded.

Light heavyweight Andre Ward and middleweight Andre Dirrell — generally considered the team's best fighters — are the only U.S. boxers left.

On Tuesday, Ward pulled a big upset, beating two-time world champion Evgeny Makarenko of Russia 23-16.

Even if Dirrell also advances against one of the nine Cubans remaining in the draw, the Americans will win only two medals — their lowest total since London in 1948. The U.S. has never failed to leave an Olympics with at least one medal.

"We may make history the opposite way we wanted to make history," Abdullah said. "Right now we're on the brink of not taking any medals here."

## U.S. women's basketball team finally should see a crowd at game vs. Greece

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. women's basketball team will see something different in its next game.

Fans. Fans and lots of fans. Noisy, boisterous fans waving flags, clapping and stomping on their feet. And almost all of them cheering for the opponent.

When the Americans play Greece in the quarterfinal of the medal round Wednesday, they'll be the visiting team in the truest sense.

"They're in their own country and you can add 10 to 15 points on top of what they're going to do," Dawn Staley said. "You have to be ready for the crowd. We know they're going to play really well and beyond what they usually play."

Even that probably won't be enough to sideline a U.S. team focused on winning a third straight Olympic gold medal. But it could make things a little more challenging for the Americans.

Boisterous Greek fans turned out in huge numbers when their teams played in the preliminaries at the Helliniko Indoor Arena, which seats about 12,000. Now

there will be room for even more of them because the remaining games are at the 19,250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall.

"These people love their sports and love their country, so far, it should be a lot of fun," Diana Taurasi said.

Fun for the United States comes from winning, and that's all the Americans have done so far. They romped through the preliminary round, winning their five games by an average of 29 points with dominant inside play and aggressive defense that produced easy baskets from steals and turnovers.

Not many folks have seen their show, however, at least in person. The biggest crowd for a U.S. game was 2,000. The game with the Czech Republic drew a paltry 954. Taurasi's Connecticut teams used to draw bigger crowds for pickup games.

"I thought the crowds would be a little bit bigger but, for the most part, I think they've been great," Taurasi said. "As the games get more important, I think more people will start coming out."

The games certainly are more important now — Jose Wednesday and the hope of a medal is kaput — and with Greece playing, the place should rock.



Team USA's Diana Taurasi, right, was accustomed to playing in front of larger crowds at UConn than the United States' preliminary round games in Athens.

"I think the atmosphere is going to be great, not only for Greece, but also for USA Basketball," Yolanda Griffith said. "But we can't get too high or upset by the crowd. This is their home crowd, so we have to keep our momentum and not let the crowd get to us and just execute offensively like we're capable of doing."

## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



The U.S. softball team lifts coach Mike Candrea after winning the gold medal on Monday.

## Dominant U.S. perhaps detrimental to softball

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Down to possibly its last strike at the tender age of eight, Olympic softball suddenly has a new problem: An American Dream Team that can't find any one to swing with.

Sound familiar? Like the U.S. men's basketball squad did in 1992 in Barcelona, the softball team overwhelmed the competition at these Games. The Americans outscored the field 51-1, doing it with poise, precision and pop never seen before.

"It's going to be tough to match what they did," Australian coach Simon Koskiv said after the U.S. claimed its third straight gold medal in the final, the U.S. team would have put up nine zeros in nine games — a perfect Olympics. The Americans broke virtually every team record, tied others and set individual marks in offensive, defensive and pitching categories.

They were as dominant as any team, in any sport, at any time.

"This team got it done," said pitcher Lisa Fernandez, who now has three gold medals and might go for a fourth in Beijing. "Our game never changed because of what the scoreboard said."

That is a problem.

Two years ago, the International Olympic Committee recommended softball be dumped from the Olympics in 2008. The reasons: The U.S. team was too dominant; Europeans didn't play softball or understand it; games were too long; there was little scoring and minimal media coverage.

The International Softball Federation continued by moving back the pitcher's mound 3 feet, the fences 20 feet and instituting the eighth-inning tiebreaker in which teams begin their at-bat with a runner at second base — all changes designed to bring competitive global balance.

The ISF also challenged the IOC's scrutiny

by pointing out that softball is played in 124 countries, gets consistently higher TV ratings than other sports and has never had a doping problem.

Softball is safe for now, guaranteed a spot through '08. After that, golf or rugby could take its place inside the rings.

Sadly, this U.S. team may have hurt softball's future. The other softball-playing nations are trailing the Americans — badly.

"It's hard to imagine being really good at something as being a bad thing," said catcher Stacey Neuveman, who hit one of the U.S. team's three home runs against Australia. "In our country, in our culture, the goal is to be the best you can be."

"If that's bad, then shame on the world," ISF President Don Porter said having a U.S. super team is a mixed blessing.

"There is a concern, certainly, but I don't want to take anything away from what this team has accomplished," he said. "We have to work harder to help other countries develop their softball programs, and we're doing that in many ways."

Porter said the ISF has given equipment to send to nations such as China, Russia and North Korea, handing them the tools needed to get up to speed with a U.S. team clearly above the rest.

Because right now, there is no other player like Natasha Watley, the U.S. team's leadoff hitter who wreaks havoc with her slap singles and speed. There is no power hitter like America's Crystl Bustos, who launched two home runs in the gold medal game, including a 330-footer.

And there is still not a better player on the planet than Fernandez. She went 4-0 and batted .545 in her third and best Olympics, driven by a desire to help ease the pain for U.S. coach Mike Candrea, whose wife, Sue, died on the eve of the Games.

The world has shown a catch up. In '92, it seemed impossible to think it would ever happen in basketball. But the U.S. hoopers may not win a medal in Greece. Other countries learned how to shoot and pass a leather ball better.

Now, they have to figure out how to hit a smaller, yellow one.

U.S. seeks fitting finale for women soccer vets  
Americans to play Brazil for gold

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

IRAKLION, Greece — Julie Foudy left the game with a limp, and then the stadium on crutches, her spunky attitude nearly as big as the bandage wrapped around her sprained right ankle.

"I think I'll just have them chop it off, and I'll drag my stump out there if I have to," the captain of the U.S. women's soccer team said.

Nice try, but unless the ankle heals in a hurry, the Fab Five will be without a key member Thursday when they play for the gold medal.

Foudy's injury was one of several head-smacking developments late in a game that had been going the Americans' way. After giving up a last-gasp goal and blowing an easy scoring chance in overtime, the U.S. team finally beat World Cup champion Germany 2-1 Monday night on Heather O'Reilly's goal nine minutes into the extra period.

The win gives the Fab Five — long-standing stars Mia Hamm, Joy Fawcett, Brandi Chastain, Kristine Lilly and Foudy — a chance to go out as champions in their final tournament together.

"The whole year it's kind of been our focus," said O'Reilly, the youngest player on the roster. "What these women have done for the last 10 years has been remarkable, and this is it for some of them. As young players, we wouldn't be happy putting them out with anything but a gold."

The Americans face an interesting rematch with Brazil, a 1-0 winner over Sweden, for the Olympic title Thursday in Athens.

Brazil's coach accused the U.S. team of deliberately trying to hurt his players in a 2-0 loss last week in the first round.

Germany will play Sweden in the bronze medal game.

Even though the young players on the U.S. team had spoken of their mission to send the veterans out on top, the vets themselves and coach April Heinrichs had downplayed the topic because they felt it put unnecessary pressure on the team as a whole.

Then, in an unexpected twist, Heinrichs

raised the matter in her locker-room speech before kickoff against Germany. Her voice cracked with emotion as she repeated her words following the game.

"It's fitting for these players to go out on top," Heinrichs said. "We owe it to them."

Hamm, for one, was caught off guard. She had genuinely tried to stay focused on each game as it came, without thinking of how close she was to the end of her career.

"I had an emotional reaction," Hamm said. "Because you don't want it to be your last game. You're kind of putting it out of your mind, and then someone just puts it in front and center."

The speech sure didn't hurt. The Americans dominated most of the game and were unlucky they didn't win it in regulation. The Germans' tying goal came on a shot from Isabell Bachor that deflected off Fawcett's hip two minutes into second-half injury time.

O'Reilly then had an open net in front of her early in overtime, but she rushed her shot and hit the post. A few minutes later, she scored the game-winner, a 6-yard right-footed shot with an assist from Hamm.

It was an appropriate pass from old to young, from a 32-year-old retiring superstar to a 19-year-old college student who was screaming Hamm's name as far just a few years ago.

It was fitting for this game, and her love for this team, inspires us old bags a lot," Hamm said.

Hamm created the goal by moving in from the right flank, which drew the German defense her way. She said the maneuver was a result of studying tapes of last year's 3-0 loss to Germany in the World Cup semifinals, a sour defeat that had lingered on the Americans' minds all year. Germany went on to win the Cup and entered the Olympics ranked No. 1 in the world, a place the United States had held for so long.

Afterward, exhausted from 120 minutes of soccer, the Americans started to regroup. One more victory is needed to complete the Fab Five mission.

"It's not over," forward Abby Wambach said. "These women more than anybody know that."

## U.S. upset on last-second goal in women's water polo semis

BY JOHN PYE

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Manuela Zanchi scored with two seconds left to give Italy a 6-5 upset victory over the world champion Americans on Tuesday in the semifinals in women's water polo.

The Italians advanced to the finals against the 16-2 winner over Australia later Tuesday.

The United States will face Australia for bronze in a rematch of the Sydney 2000 final won by the Aussies.

"I'm very shocked," said American Brenda Villa, part of the silver-medal squad four years ago. "I really thought we could hold them off. Our goal was the gold medal, but that's gone. We came here for a medal and we must finish that — only now it's for bronze."

The U.S. team went into the semifinal quite confident because it beat Italy in the world championships last year.

The Americans were leading this game 4-2 after three periods. The Italians rallied with two goals from Tania di Mario and another by Giuseppina Malato to move ahead 5-4. Ellen Estes pulled the Americans even with 1:11 left, but Zanchi was left wide open to score from the left of the goal.

U.S. coach Guy Baker was seething about a goal in the last minute, when the Americans were penalized for an offensive foul.

He didn't comment on the decision, but said the result was devastating for his team.

"It's the Olympics. I think you should be really excited when it's all over, or you should be crushed — we're crushed," he said.

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# Gymnastics losing its grip

## Competition ends with boos, whining over disputed gold

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
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ATHENS, Greece — American Paul Hamm is heading home, and he's taking his gold medal with him.

The South Koreans are still looking for someone to give them a duplicate medal to make up for the scoring error that cost their gymnast in the men's all-around. Not to be outdone, the Russians are lodging general protests with anybody who will listen, and some who won't.

Yes, the gymnastics competition may be over at the Athens Olympics, but the whining might keep going all the way to Beijing.

"Truly in my heart, I believe that I am the Olympic champion. I don't feel as if I should be giving the medal back or another one should be awarded," Hamm said Tuesday before heading back to the United States.

"I enjoyed a lot of the Olympics," he added. "But once the controversy hit, I've been very stressed out."

No wonder. Hamm had one day to savour his accomplishment of being the first U.S. man to win the Olympic all-around title, winning with one of the most spectacular comebacks the sport has ever seen.

Then the International Gymnastics Federation admitted that its judges had made a mistake, giving Yang Tae-young a 9.9 start value for his parallel bars routine when it should have been a 10.

Yang finished third, 0.049 points behind Hamm, who came back from 12th with two events left for the victory. But add in that extra 0.100, and Yang would have finished first and Hamm second.

Kim Dae-eun of South Korea would have won the bronze instead of silver.

FIG apologized for the mistake, and suspended the two judges who determined the start values — Benjamin Bango of Spain and Oscar Buitrago Reyes of Colombia — along with the judge who oversaw the panel, George Beckstead of the United States.



Paul Hamm waited 8½ minutes for a booing crowd to quiet down before performing his silver medal-winning high-bar routine.

But it could do nothing else, FIG President Bruno Grandi said.

"I don't have the possibility to change it," Grandi told The Associated Press. "Our rules don't allow it."

Which means forget about those negotiations between the South Koreans and the U.S. Olympic Committee, which said Monday it would be "willing to consider the notion" of a second gold medal. The International Olympic Committee won't go near that idea unless FIG requests it.

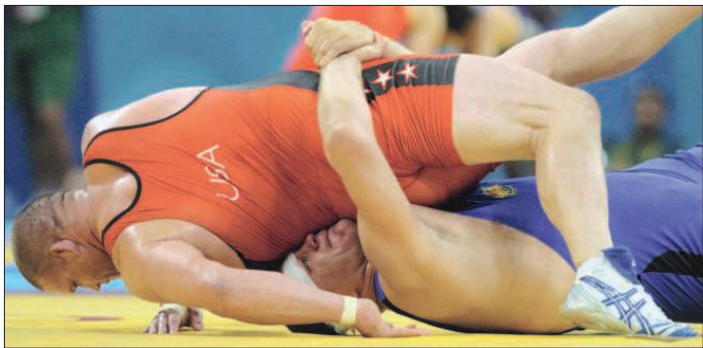
That leaves the South Koreans empty-handed, and still looking for satisfaction. They want a duplicate gold medal for Yang, and promised to take their case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

But they still hadn't filed an appeal as of Tuesday night.

"We don't have any updates today," said Jae Soon-yoo, an official for the South Korean delegation. "I can't give you a timeframe."

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## U.S. pins hopes on Gardner



Rulon Gardner of the USA, left, wrestles Bulgaria's Serguei Moreyko during a Greco-Roman super heavyweight elimination bout at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Tuesday. Gardner, the 2000 Olympic gold medalist, won all three matches to move into the semifinals.



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Medal count				
Leaders after 195 of 197 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Tuesday, Aug. 24				
Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	25	27	19	71
China	24	15	12	51
Russia	8	17	21	46
Australia	14	9	14	37
Japan	15	8	9	32
Germany	8	10	13	31
France	9	7	9	25
Britain	7	8	7	22
Italy	8	6	7	21
South Korea	6	10	5	21

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